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Thatcher will push ahead on poll tax Bill

- **Mrs Thatcher *defiantly told the* Commons that the 25 majority was *sufficient endorsement for a flat-rate* policy despite the rebellion**
- ***MI5* may be asked to find the source of the leaked Cabinet document which *embarrased the Government on the eve* of the poll tax vote**
- ***Mr Nicholas Ridley said there would* be no more concessions and that the *Lords had no right to interfere with the* legislation**
- **Senior peers insisted they could still amend the Bill over the principle of ability to pay and force the Commons to discuss this again**

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Government made plain last night that it is to attempt to push the poll tax Bill through the Lords unchanged despite the most serious revolt the Prime Minister has faced since 1979.

A defiant Mrs Margaret Thatcher quoted Winston Churchill's "one *is* enough" remark to the Commons as ministers claimed that the 25 majority against Mr Michael Mates's amendment to the *Local Government* Finance Bill was sufficient endorsement for its flat-rate policy.

She said: "It certainly was enough for the Labour Party because they nationalized the aircraft and shipbuilding industries *with a majority of* one, and a very questionable one too."

Mrs Thatcher disclosed that the Government was not, as leaked Cabinet documents suggested, going ahead with a decision to cut rent rebates.

She made it clear that a decision how the £130m rebates announced last week to buy off Tory rebels are to be financed would not be taken until next year. The document suggested that a decision had already been taken to finance those rebates by imposing higher community charges.

Meanwhile a rigorous government inquiry, probably involving MI5, began into the third serious leak in six weeks.

As peers were advised by House authorities that they would indeed be entitled to debate and vote for a banded *community charge*, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, warned them against "tampering" with the legislation. He said the 320-295 vote was a "good" majority, there would be no more concessions, and the unelected Lords had no right *to interfere* with a finance Bill containing a measure presented in the Conservative election manifesto.

This was disputed by senior peers, who are determined to see that the issue is brought to a head. If they amend the Bill to make the charge reflect the *ability to pay, the Commons* will again have to discuss the issue of principle when the amendments are sent back.

Despite the brave face being displayed by ministers in the face of the rebellion, in which 38 Conservatives opposed the Government and several *more* abstained, the view among MPs yesterday was that further concessions would have to be made.

The Prime Minister disclosed the new information about last week's Cabinet discussion on the rebates in *response to Mr Neil Kinnock*, the Labour leader, who asked her whether she regarded the leak as serious because it jeopardized national security or "because it exposes the organized mendacity of the *Government*". *Mrs Thatcher* and other ministers, he said, had been trying to double cross their backbenchers.

The leaked document revealed that a meeting chaired by Mrs Thatcher last *Monday had agreed on the community* charge rebate concessions "with an amount being added to all community charge bills to finance additional rebates for the less well off". It also referred to "the decision" already made to reduce housing benefit rent rebates by 5p *in the pound in 1989-90.*

Mrs Thatcher made it clear that that decision had been reversed. Consistent with the decision to increase poll tax rebates "the rate at which housing benefit will be withdrawn *in 1989-90 will not be* increased", she said.

It is understood that that decision was taken at the meeting on Thursday which decided on the poll tax rebate concession. Mrs Thatcher told the Commons that further meetings last week had concluded that *decisions on the* related exchequer grant for 1990-91 could not be taken until the summer of 1989.

Whitehall sources later explained that the statement in the document that the rebates would be financed from the community charge no longer necessarily applied. Higher community charges were one *option.*

The Government is certain to face another, smaller, revolt on the third reading division

Whips' claims that most of the 38 Tories who voted against the poll tax Bill were hardened rebels are borne out by an analysis by *The Times which shows that more than* 20 of them have voted against the Government on four or more key divisions.

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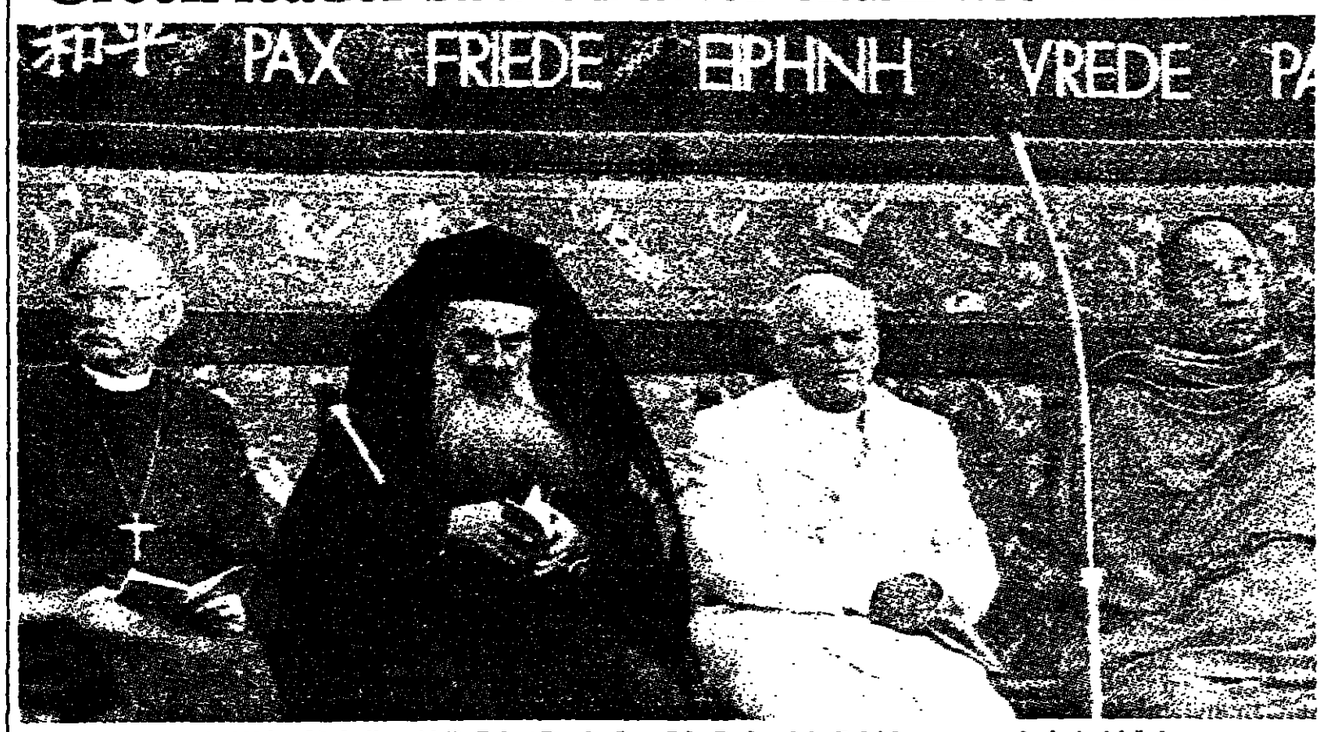
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Greek leader sacked after clash with Runcie



Archbishop Methodios with Dr Robert Runcie, Pope John Paul and the Dalai Lama at a service in Assisi, Italy

Archbishop 'coveted thrones'

By Clifford Longley and Mario Modiano

Archbishop Methodios, the spiritual leader of Britain's 250,000 Greek Orthodox community, has been dismissed on the orders of the *Ecumenical Patriarch, Demetrios* I of Constantinople, and replaced by his deputy, Bishop Gregorios.

Church sources said yesterday that the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, had helped to influence the decision. He was said to *have told Patriarch Demetrios* that relations between the Anglican and Orthodox Communions in Britain had suffered since Methodios, aged 63, succeeded the late Archbishop Athenagoras in 1979.

The deposition of Methodios as Archbishop of Thyateira *and Great Britain* was agreed unanimously last Saturday by the synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Istanbul, and conveyed to London by telegram. It spoke of his "unseemly and improper behaviour" and alleged he had been "coveting other thrones".

Patriarch Demetrios visited London as Dr Runcie's guest in December. Archbishop Methodios was removed as co-chairman of the Anglican Orthodox official dialogue in February.

Dr Runcie was one of the first to be informed of Archbishop *Methodios's* dismissal. A spokesman said that Dr Runcie welcomed the appointment of Gregorios.

Archbishop Methodios Britain", said yesterday that he had "resigned" for reasons

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Reagan heads off US opposition to Gulf raid

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Reagan drew broad bipartisan support in the US yesterday for his retaliatory strike against Iran in the Gulf on Monday, leaving his tit-for-*tat strategy strengthened and* avoiding another bitter clash with Congress over war-powers requirements.

He said as he met congressional leaders yesterday morning that "things seem to be quieting down *in the Gulf*, and we hope it continues that way". *Nine ships were* searching for a missing Marine Cobra helicopter gunship and its two-man crew, the only apparent US loss in the operation.

The clashes, the biggest Gulf naval engagement since the US deployed ships in the area last year to escort Kuwaiti oil tankers, demonstrated a surprising willingness by Tehran to face up to far superior forces. Two frigates and four patrol boats were either sunk or crippled.

Iran ignored the heavy American naval presence in the Gulf yesterday and attacked the Bahamas-registered vessel, *Meltem*, and a United Arab Emirates motor tanker in the Strait of Hormuz with gunships. Lloyd's said that the 12,215-tonne tanker, Fal-5, was "badly on fire" and two tugs were alongside fighting *the blaze.*

Mr Reagan, asked if the US had underestimated the Iranian response, replied: "No." The Pentagon denied reports yesterday that the Americans had temporarily stopped escorting Kuwaiti tankers until tensions eased. It announced that five more mines had been found in the Gulf, three of *them by the French, and two* by the Dutch.

Mr Frank Carlucci, the Defence Secretary, said the Gulf was quiet but "who knows what the Iranians might do?" Iran was out to test the resolve of both the Administration and Congress to stay in the Gulf. He described the near-hopeless attacks by Iranian ships against US vessels as a "fanatical reaction".

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Monday's day-long battles, which spread across a 400-mile area of the Gulf, will not unduly reduce Iran in its war against Iraq, since it has never depended on its weak Navy and Air Force. Destruction of two oil platforms by the US will have little economic impact on such a large petroleum producer.

Five Chinese-made Silk-worm missiles were fired from Iran towards a *US Navy task* group carrying reporters dur*ing the fighting*, according to a media pool dispatch yesterday, but missed. Pentagon officials said there was no evidence that the weapons were Silkworms, and suggested that they may have *been mis-identified. They* were detected by radar.



Mr Carlucci yesterday: Iran testing US resolve in Gulf.

Broad political backing for the American retaliation was a direct result of intensive, advance consultations with congressional leaders on the insistence of Mr Howard Baker, the White House Chief *of Staff. By taking them into* his confidence, President Reagan almost certainly headed off another battle over whether he should have invoked the War Powers Act in order to give Congress a direct voice *in the operations.*

Dr Ali Akbar Velayati, the Iranian Foreign Minister, threatened in a letter to Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary General, published in New York yesterday that Tehran would retaliate for the US attacks.

Iranian naval commanders said 15 sailors were killed and 29 wounded on one of their warships alone.

Britain yesterday protested to Iran's Chargé d'Affaires in London over its "reprehensible and unjustifiable" attack on a British-owned tanker, the *112,744-tonne* York Marine, in the Gulf on Monday.

- ***LONDON:* Lloyd's underwriters doubled war-risk insurance premiums for the Gulf yesterday.**

Hijackers put woman on the air

From Robert Fisk Algiers

The hijackers put Anwar Kaled al-Sabah on the air last night. It seemed somehow unreal to hear a woman's voice coming from that now-familiar blue and white Kuwait Airways Boeing 747. But she sounded composed as she read her short statement, appealing to her own royal family in Kuwait and to the *Kuwaiti Government* to settle what she called "this matter" quickly or "our lives will be in danger."

It was the first time the hijackers had allowed Anwar al-Sabah to speak. They had, yet again, managed to wind up the tension at Algiers airport almost imperceptibly. For the Emir of Kuwait to hear the voice of a female relative in such danger, will have been a painful experience. On Monday it was Anwar's sick brother Fadel who made the same appeal.

Anwar al-Sabah's voice had been taped-recorded. It was played twice so that the 200 or *so journalists encamped* by the airport terminal building could hear her say that Fadel was "in very bad condition." Psychologically, she said, the passengers were very tired but their health was otherwise good.

Kuwaiti sources, who say the hijack could end within 24 hours, spoke of the possibility *that a Tunisian jet would* arrive to collect freed hostages after the the hijackers had been guaranteed safe passage to another Arab country, possibly Libya.

MP in Mace row fails to apologize

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

A Labour MP today faces a parliamentary censure and disciplinary motion after uproar in the House of Commons yesterday when he failed formally to apologise for tossing the Mace to the floor of the chamber.

Mr Ron Brown, MP for Edinburgh Leith, was shoved out of the chamber by Labour's furious deputy chief whip yesterday after repeateadly refusing to read *the text of a personal* statement which had earlier been agreed with the Speaker.

This morning Mr Brown will be strongly criticized at a meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party for seizing the Mace and throwing it to the floor during a demonstration *against government* changes in social security benefits after the Commons was adjourned on Monday night.

The majority of the PLP were said last night to be outraged by the incident, witnessed by a handful of MPs, and his action in the Commons yesterday, which the party leadership believes has deflected attention *from Government* difficulties over the comunity charge.

Mr Don Dixon, Labour's deputy chief whip, accused Mr Brown of making nonsense out of what should have been a serious statement. He had given a solemn undertaking to *make the statement.*

Traditionally, personal statements are agreed with the Chair as there can be no debate or interruption of them but the Speaker ordered Mr Brown to withdraw from the Commons after he 10 times defied requests to read out only the agreed text.

Mr Brown described the agreed statement as "rubbish" and attempted to explain why

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Let Budd run, says Thatcher

By Nicholas Wood

Mrs Thatcher sent a clear *message to the British Ama*teur Athletics Board yesterday that it should stand by Zola Budd.

The board meets on Sunday to consider a request from the International Amateur Athletic Federation that Miss Budd, a British passport holder, be suspended for 12 months for supporting a meeting in South Africa.

Mrs Thatcher said: "A number of us find it rather repugnant that so much effort is concerned with stopping a young woman competing".

Earlier about 100 Conservatives had signed a Com*mons motion calling on the* board to reject demands for her suspension, while a similar number of Labour MPs signed a counter motion.

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13-year sentence for Beirut kidnap

From A Correspondent, Düsseldorf

A court in Düsseldorf yesterday passed an unexpectedly severe sentence on Abbas Hamadei, who was convicted of complicity in the Beirut kidnapping of two West Germans 15 months ago.

He was found guilty on three charges — kidnapping, coercing the Government and smuggling explosives — and sentenced to 13 years imprisonment. It was only slightly less than the total of what the *prosecution had requested* — 11½ years for kidnapping and coercion, and 2¼ years for smuggling explosives — in the 3½-month trial.

Herr Klaus Arend, the presiding judge, said the sentence reflected the seriousness of the crimes. He said that kidnapping two innocent men and holding them in fear of their lives to try to hinder the due process of law in a democratic country was "reprehensible" *and could not* be excused by "the Arab mentality" or family feelings.

The court found it proven, though the evidence was *circumstantial*, that Hamadei, aged 29 and a naturalized West German of Lebanese Shia extraction, had taken part in the Beirut kidnappings with other members of his family. Their motive was to pressurize the Bonn Govern*ment into not extraditing* his younger brother, Mr Muhammad Hamadei, to the US to face trial on air piracy and murder charges.

Muhammad, arrested at Frankfurt Airport in January *last year accused* of smuggling explosives into the country, is alleged to *have been involved* in the 1985 hijacking of a TWA airliner in which a young US Navy diver was murdered.

He is due to face trial in Frankfurt for air piracy and *murder.*

Botham bowls into Turin to complete £6m trek

From Alan Franks, Milan

Ian Botham, elephants and all, finally arrived at the gates of Turin yesterday afternoon to the kind of civic reception which would have alarmed even the much-travelled Hannibal.

Thousands of Italians, including a hard core of cricket fans, thronged the *city centre* to greet the England and former Queensland player 21 days and nearly 500 miles after the start of his epic charity march from Perpignan in the South of France.

After welcoming Botham and his party *in the Piazza Castello*, the Mayoress of Turin, Avvocato Maria Magnani Noya, said: "Whereas Hannibal, 2,000 years ago, came to this country to bring war, you have come to bring with you messages of hope."

Botham displayed his characteristic *distaste for the British media's han*dling of his activities. "Right from the *start they have painted an inaccurate* picture of what has been going on, and of what we are trying to achieve. Now that we have got to Turin I think it's one in the eye for all the critics who said that it could not be done."

Asked what he was considering for his next project, Botham said that he was planning a walk from *Aberdeen to* Ipswich, possibly this autumn.

For almost the entire length of yesterday's final stretch from Bussoleno to Turin passing motorists sounded their horns in the national manner, and with the regularity of falling governments. Even the two elephants, on loan from the *Italian* National Circus Medrano, made it *home. Contrary to rumours, only one* of their number had failed to complete *the journey through injury.*

Yesterday Botham became one of only seven out of the 23 starters at Perpignan to complete each of the 21 legs. This was his 65th day of walking during the past three years to raise money for the Leukaemia Research Fund; proceeds from the trans-Alpine *hike* are expected to exceed *£6 million.*

Now, having missed the pre-season training session for his new county, Worcestershire, Botham flies home today to join his team-mates for the opening fixture of the season. The team's medical consultant, Dr Steve Carroll, said Botham would be "probably *the fittest* cricketer in England".

One of the warmest greetings for *Botham* came from Signor Simone Gambino, president of the Italian Cricket Association, which has a league of 20 clubs. "We take our cricket very seriously in Italy," he said, "and it is a great honour for us to entertain a player of such ability as Signor Botham. One day perhaps he will come and play in our country."

Perhaps, but first there is the small matter of the English county season, and the struggle to regain his place in the Test side. Botham also says he would like to make a sponsored walk from Paris to Moscow in aid of leukaemia research. He is being urged to walk the 600 miles from Sydney to Brisbane, the very city which three weeks ago closed its doors to him as *firmly as Turin has just opened them.*

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Disabled boy has benefit restored

Mr Nicholas Scott, the Minister for Social Security, yesterday restored the welfare allowance of a widow who had seen her benefits cut after she told a local radio programme about the progress of her handicapped son, a former winner of the Children of Courage award.

The case of Doran Scotson, aged nine, who suffers from cerebral palsy, was raised by the Labour Party earlier this week. It claimed that his successful treatment at home was being jeopardized by the sudden withdrawal of a social security grant.

His mother, Mrs Linda Scotson, of Hartfield, East Sussex, said in a Radio Sussex interview that Doran was learning to overcome his handicap. However after the interview, heard by social security officials, her £43 weekly domestic needs allowance, to pay for volunteers to care for Doran, was cut off. Mrs Scotson said last night she had told that if she provided sufficient medical evidence the allowances would be reinstated.

Axe inquest delayed

An inquest into the death of Mr Daniel Morgan, the private detective found dead in south London with an axe through his skull, was yesterday adjourned until Friday. The coroner is awaiting a medical report on Mrs Sharon Rees, a witness who has disappeared. She has been described as one of only two witnesses told of an alleged murder plot against Mr Morgan, who was her husband's partner. Sir Montague Levine, the coroner, told the jury at Southwark Coroner's Court, south London, that there was a strong reason to believe that Mrs Rees may be mentally ill.

Aids leaflet snubbed

Police in Leicester have refused to distribute to prostitutes a leaflet warning them of the dangers of Aids because they consider its language to be too crude. The leaflet was drawn up by Leicester City Council with the help of three prostitutes and was aimed at women arrested for soliciting. Chief Supt Ian Coutts, head of the division covering the city's red light district of Highfields, said: "We are in the business of prosecuting people for obscenity and while this leaflet is probably not obscene in the true sense of the word, we would not wish to be seen condoning it".

Some P&O men sign

P&O says that more than 605 of the 2,000 striking seamen at Dover have signed the company's new terms and conditions of employment and that as many as 700 could do so by the time the deadline runs out at 6pm today. Those who fail to sign face dismissal. Mr Graeme Dunlop, managing director of P&O European Ferries, said that just under one in three of the crew members affected by the deal on board ferries working from Dover had agreed to the conditions.

Karpov stays in lead

Anatoly Karpov, the former world chess champion, has maintained his clear lead in the Brussels World Cup tournament in spite of having a free round. None of Karpov's main rivals could win in the fourteenth round.

Results in round 14: Andersson bt Seirawan; Salov drew with Korchnoi; Nogueiras bt Nikolic; Tal drew with Speelman; Portisch lost to Ljubojevic; Beliavsky drew with Sokolov; Winants adjourned against Sax; Timman adjourned against Dr John Nunn, of Britain.

SOS for Dutch plants

Organizers of the 30th Spalding flower festival in Lincolnshire are having to import Dutch plants because the unexpected sunshine is causing their own to bloom too soon. Four million tulip heads are needed to decorate the 15 floats scheduled for the parade on May 7, but crops are flowering at least 10 days too early.

Lawyers try to solve dispute over £90m contract

3,000 shipyard jobs under threat

By Peter Davenport

Lawyers acting for British Shipbuilders are trying to save a £90 million contract on which 3,000 jobs depend. They are attempting to resolve contractual problems over an order for 26 small ferries being built in Sunderland for VR Shipping and PZ Trading, of Denmark.

Two of the ferries have already been delivered but the yard, North East Shipbuilders Ltd (NESL), refuses to deliver a further five which have been completed until the legal difficulties are resolved.

The ferry contract, won against stiff Scandinavian competition, is the only work on the yard's order book and there are growing fears about its future unless the problems are sorted out.

British Shipbuilders said yesterday that it was hoped the negotiations between lawyers would be complete by next week. If the contract were to be cancelled managers would have to decide wether to continue building the ferries for open sale or to cut their losses.

British Shipbuilders said there had been a "difference of interpretation" over the contract with each side accusing the other of failing to abide by its terms.

NESL is the only yard of British Shipbuilders which is not the subject of current takeover interest by the private sector.

Kvaerner Industrier, the Norwegian operator of gas carrying ships, intends to make a bid for the Govan yard in Glasgow and there is interest from British sources in BS's specialist small shipbuilder, Appledore Ferguson in Devon and in the Greenock based engine-builder, Clark Kincaid.

Mr Kenneth Clark, Minister for Trade and Industry, has said that no government decision to close NESL has been taken but in the past British Shipbuilders management has said the Sunderland operation would not be viable on its own.

Mr Danny Morgan, secretary of the Joint Shop Stewards' Committee at NESL's Southwick yard, said the unions had held discussions with the management about the difficulties with the ferries contract.

He said: "Everyone is concerned about the future of the yard. If Govan and the other yards are privatized it would leave us on our own and not in a very strong position."

● Unions at the Govan shipyard are to seek assurances from British Shipbuilders that the 1,750 workers would be kept on if Kvaerner Industrier takes over the yard as expected (Kerry Gill writes).

Senior trade unionists visited Govan yesterday where they met members of the shop stewards' committee. The stewards said that union leaders, including Mr Alex Ferry, general secretary of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, would meet British Shipbuilders after talks with the Shipbuilding Negotiating Committee.

Single-union deal provokes hypocrisy gibe

By Roland Radd

The GMB general union disclosed yesterday that its white-collar section, Matsa, had signed a single-union agreement with the Japanese company, Diaplastics UK, after winning a prolonged battle with three other unions.

The disclosure, only hours before Britain's senior trade union leaders became embroiled in an acrimonious debate over the loss of Ford of Dundee, provoked another bitter inter-union row.

Mr Eric Hammond, general secretary of the electricians' union, which competed for the deal, accused the GMB leadership of hypocrisy.

"This is precisely what we have been saying all along: everyone is making these agreements, but the only time when there are difficulties or troubles is when the electricians sign the deal.

"The left would have been up in arms if we had got the deal but we are not part of the club. Perhaps Mr John Edmonds (GMB general secretary) should look at his own house before he criticizes others."

Mr Edmonds, whose union is today hoping to sign another single-union deal with the new joint venture company set up by Jaguar Cars and GKN Sankey, has been vociferous in his criticism of both the electricians and the engineers for signing no-strike clauses and secret single-union deals. He said: "Eric Hammond has not been criticized for signing single-union agreements in areas which his union traditionally organizes. He has been criticized for offering a package of terms and conditions including the no-strike deal to break into areas where the union has not traditionally been involved."

Mr Jeff Burns, the GMB officer who signed the agreement with Diaplastics, based at Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan, yesterday said the deal did not include a binding arbitration (no strike) clause. The union had however conceded a formal disputes procedure which allows either side to refer a dispute to an independent arbitrator whose ruling will be final and binding on both parties.

Mr John David, Diaplastics personnel manager, said the company chose the GMB over the Transport and General Workers' Union, the Amalgamated Engineering Union and the electricians because of its professionalism.

The company, which plans to expand its workforce of 30 to 150 by the end of the year, is the third to announce a single-union deal within a week.



Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, at Fulham Football Club yesterday to launch Soccer Forum, aimed at saving threatened soccer clubs (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

Benn is snubbed in leadership challenge

By Tim Jones

Mr Tony Benn's challenge for the leadership of the Labour Party appeared last night to be a lost cause when Yorkshire miners decided to support Mr Neil Kinnock.

Support from the 30,000 miners in Mr Arthur Scargill's heartland was the least Mr Benn could have hoped for if his campaign was to have any credibility with trade unions.

Delegates to the area's annual conference are understood to have delivered a humiliating rebuff to Mr Benn although Mr Jack Taylor, president of the National Union of Mineworkers Yorkshire area, refused to give voting details.

Their choice for deputy leader of the party was Mr John Prescott.

As the Yorkshire delegates were deciding whom to support, Mr Benn was addressing a fringe meeting at the Scottish TUC conference. Without mentioning Mr Kinnock, he criticized "our leaders who persuade us you have to keep your mouth shut in order to slither into power".

His speech was warmly applauded but Mr Benn seems certain to be without big union support at the Labour Party conference in the autumn. The Transport and General Workers' Union is expected to commit its votes in favour of Mr Kinnock.

Rise of 4.75% for teachers

By John Clare
Education Correspondent

More than 400,000 teachers in England and Wales are to receive an average pay rise of 4.75 per cent backdated to April 1.

The award, proposed by the interim advisory committee on teachers' pay and conditions and accepted yesterday by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, will cost £332 million, £32 million more than the limit the Government originally imposed.

From September, the average pay of classroom teachers will rise by another 4 per cent as a result of the incentive allowances introduced last year, when teachers received a two-stage increase worth 16.6 per cent.

Yesterday's announcement means that the average classroom teacher's salary will rise from £12,325 now to £13,426 from September. Headteachers' pay will range between £16,157 and £31,793, depending on the size of the school.

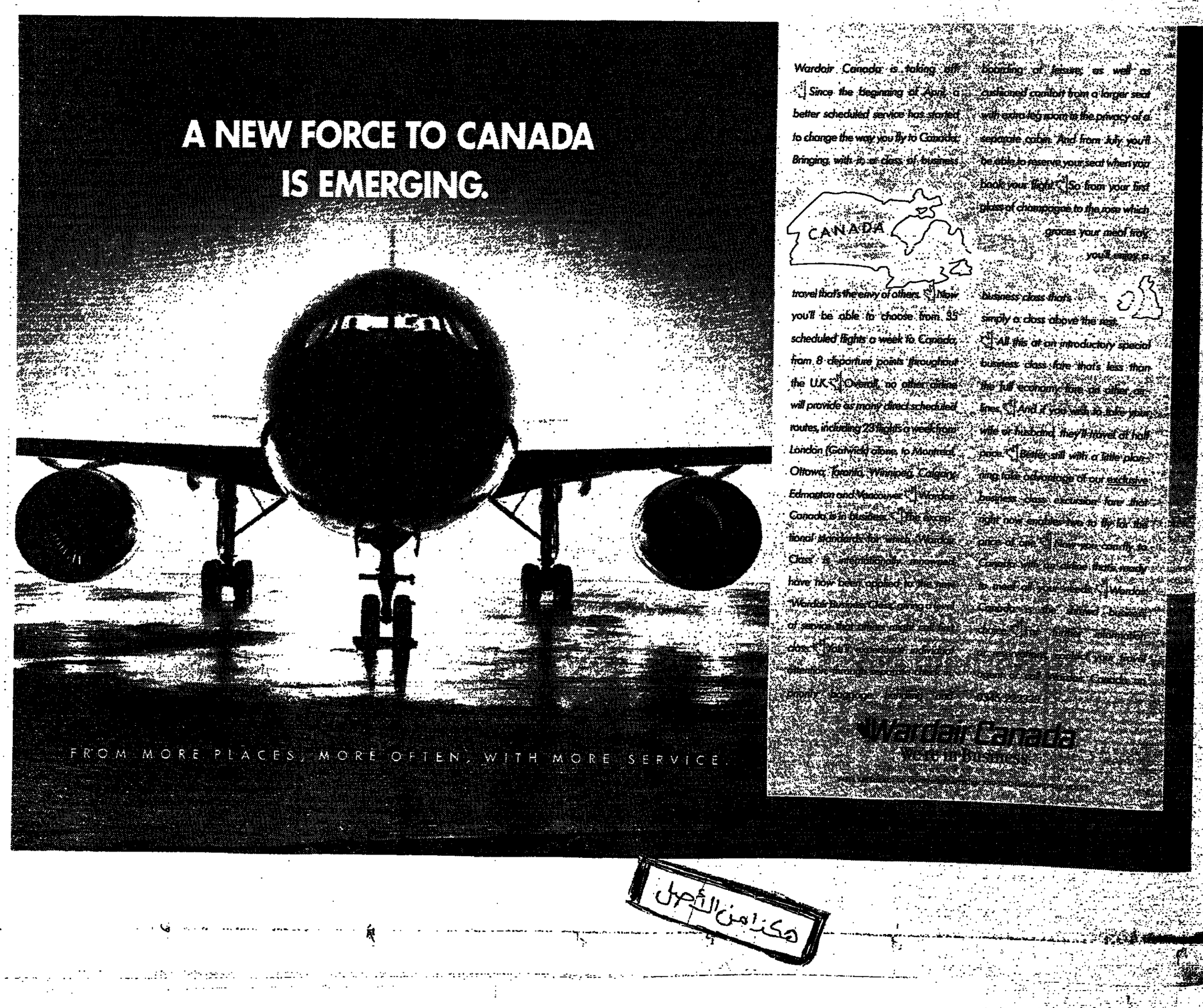
Mr Baker described the committee's proposals, which include significant increases in the value of the incentive allowances and the rate at which they are to be introduced, as sensible and fair.

The committee of eight said its first conclusion was that teachers' morale was low. "This is not only, nor perhaps principally, a matter of pay . . . There is a widespread feeling among teachers that they have been unfairly blamed for the faults of our education system."

The committee adds that more effective management of teachers could have highly beneficial effects upon teacher morale, "leading directly to improved motivation".

The biggest teaching unions, which had submitted a joint claim for a rise of 16 per cent, said the committee's recommendations would do nothing to recruit and retain highly motivated teachers.

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Provision of TV set helped drug charge man flee from cell

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

A wealthy alleged drugs dealer escaped from a police cell as a consequence of a door being left unlocked so that the cable for a television set could be fed into his cell.

Besides the television set, Nikolaus Chrastny was allowed visits, alcoholic drinks, newspapers and books.

A statement yesterday from the independent Police Complaints Authority says that Mr Chrastny, who is still at large after escaping from Dewsbury police station last October while awaiting trial on cocaine charges, had his inner cell door left open at all times, giving him access to washing facilities and cupboards.

Only periodic checks were made of the outer gate and Chrastny was allowed a supply of model-making materials, which he used in his escape.

The authority's statement, based on a report by Sir Stanley Bailey, chief constable of Northumbria, discloses inefficiency, lack of clarity of orders and confusion over responsibility for custody.

But an allegation that certain police or customs officers responsible for his custody may have been bribed or corrupted was unfounded, the Authority said.

A special committee of the West Yorkshire Police Authority said in a separate statement it considered that a senior officer of the force, having issued wholly adequate instructions for the detention of Chrastny, omitted to exercise the required management supervision to ensure that those orders were followed.

The committee said it had asked Mr Colin Sampson, West Yorkshire's chief constable, to counsel the senior officer accordingly. It also called for national guidelines from the Home Office and it partly blamed the Customs and Excise for causing confusion.

The statement says that as there was no outlet for the television set in the cell, an extension lead was passed through the cell gate into the doctor's room across the corridor, thus making it impossible to lock the door of the doctor's room. Its window was not barred.

Chrastny asked and was allowed to enter that room on a number of occasions on the pretext that he wanted to weigh himself. He was also allowed almost continuous access to the exercise yard, from which it would not have been impossible to escape.

It became the practice to leave the inner cell gate open. The outer gate was kept locked and checked periodically. However Chrastny succeeded in sawing through two of the lower bars of the outer gate. Two hacksaw blades were found in the cell after his escape.

It appeared that Chrastny used putty and other model-making material to replace the bars in such a way as to be unnoticeable. The equipment he used was hidden in the lavatory cistern in his cell.

The assumption was that during the nights he sawed through the cell bars and on the night of his escape he removed the loose bars and, after climbing through the hole, replaced the bars and went into the doctor's room.

Chrastny then opened the unbarred window, possibly with a screwdriver which a workman had lost but not reported mising, and climbed out in to the police station yard to freedom.



Nikolaus Chrastny, whose cell door was left unlocked.

The authority said it had been decided to give a number of junior officers immunity on minor disciplinary matters so that the allegations of bribery and corruption, which proved to be unfounded, could be fully probed.

Therefore the PCA was concerned only with the discipline aspects of middle-rank officers. Mr Paul Whitehouse, the Deputy Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, had proposed that a chief superintendent and a superintendent should be formally warned of their errors of judgement and questionable decisions.

The PCA had taken into account the fact that the officers primarily responsible for Dewsbury police station were following what they regarded as proper routine in the circumstances.

"Nevertheless there was a general lack of supervision and control but there was no wilful negligence or evasion of responsibility.

"We have therefore decided that the warning proposed by the deputy chief constable, which is considered as a serious reproof in the police service, is the most appropriate way of dealing with the failure revealed in the report."

Police station cells were not suitable for long-term custody of detainees requiring strict security combined with some privileges. "All this may explain what happened but does not excuse the inefficiency revealed."

The decision to house Chrastny in the female cell complex at Dewsbury police station was taken at a meeting of high-ranking police officers.

The complex was chosen because it had previously housed supergrasses and resident informers.

Customs and Excise officers hoped that by retaining Chrastny in secure accommodation he would, over a period, provide them with further information. They required constant access to him.

Another first for Connery clan



A moment of reflection yesterday for Sean Connery and his wife, Micheline, who are celebrating a week of family firsts. Connery won his first Oscar last week after 32 years of film making, and last night the couple watched his son Jason make his West End debut in *Journey's End*, by R. C. Sherriff, at the Whitehall Theatre (Photograph: Graham Wood).

Ultimatum over job losses

Six-week deadline for unions at ITN

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Trades unions at Independent Television News were last night given six weeks to accept streamlining plans, which include the introduction of improved equipment and 142 job losses.

ITN confirmed it aimed to reduce the workforce from 1,067 to 925, hopefully without compulsory redundancies, and to bring in new working practices aimed at achieving savings of about £5 million a year.

"Generous" early retirement and voluntary severance terms are being offered, as well as an extensive retraining scheme, in an attempt to avoid conflict.

Last night, though, ITN chiefs made clear they would run the news service themselves if the unions cause trouble.

Mr Paul Mathews, deputy chief executive, said contingency plans for a management run service in the event of industrial action had been prepared. He said: "We are not spoiling for a fight. We are seeking to do this by consensus and by consent.

"We are hopeful that will be the way it is handled, but if the worst comes to the worst we would not shrink from keeping a service going."

The reorganization plan, presented to staff at a series of meetings yesterday, includes job losses across all areas, including journalists and management; and the introduction of one-man operated cameras – costing a total of £3.5 million – for outside assignments. Lighting technicians will no longer be required.

Remote control cameras will be used in all main studios. The number of studio cameramen will drop from 27 to six. Restrictions on skill sharing will be abolished and increased flexible rostering brought in. On the studio floor three jobs carried out by a floor manager, sound technician and scenery supervisor will be done by one person.

Journalists will work a 37-hour week, instead of 35, and become involved in technical areas such as the timing and preparation of scripts. The number of production assistants will be cut from 27 to 10 and their duties reduced.

Mr Michael Morris, director of personnel and industrial relations, said ITN had allowed six weeks for negotiations with unions. By then, he said: "We want to know whether we are in business or not". Mr Mathews added: "It would not be our intention to make any major concessions."

Employees over 60 are being offered a full pension if they go now. Those aged 50 to 55 are being offered six weeks' pay for each year of service.

● Members of the television studio staff and clerical union, BETA, have voted for industrial action "short of strike action" to prevent the national pay and conditions agreement being undermined. The motion was opposed by delegates from London Weekend Television and Yorkshire Television.

Delegates to a conference of the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians rejected motions calling for industrial action and indicated they would be prepared to talk at a local level.

Artificial reproduction

Anguish of sterile husbands

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Men who cannot become fathers are the forgotten figures on the sidelines of artificial reproduction procedures, a medical conference was told yesterday.

They are likely to suffer long-term psychological and emotional problems even if their wives eventually have a child, Dr Robert Snowden said.

He and colleagues at the Institute of Population Studies at Exeter University have investigated 1,000 cases of couples who sought artificial insemination by donor. Another 70 families who in the past five years had a child through the process were also investigated.

Infertile husbands were often neglected while the wives received intensive treatment and support from doctors and scientists, researchers found.

Many of the men grieved for what they saw as their "genetic death" – their inability to reproduce.

"I have never seen such anguish, hurt and anger as in those couples who desperately want a child but who are unable to have one", Dr Snowden told the conference, at Leeds University.

Few of the men were given advice and most had to deal with their problems alone.

They were even encouraged to deny their infertility.

"In some cases wives pretend to relatives and friends that it is they who are infertile as a smoke screen for the inadequacies of their husbands", Dr Snowden said.

Infertile men found it difficult to come to terms with their wives having a baby because of insemination by an anonymous donor and became confused about their relationship with the child.

In spite of the problems involved the research showed that couples involved in artificial insemination by donor had a lower than average rate of divorce and marital upset.

The international conference continues until Friday.

Television accused of ignoring the elderly

By Our Media Editor

Television's largest and most loyal audience – the old – is being regularly ignored, laughed at or unfairly caricatured by Britain's programme makers, it was asserted yesterday.

Too often, the ten million people above retirement age are portrayed as "decrepit, sick, poor and asexual", whereas in reality many are prosperous, vigorous, adventurous and enjoying the happiest years of their life.

But the unfair image of the old broadcast into British homes could change soon after a three-day symposium at Woburn, Buckinghamshire.

Twenty British and American television executives and producers analysed with gerontologists the television image of the old.

Professor Malcolm Johnson, of the Open University, and co-chairman of the symposium, said: "As the age structure of the whole world is moving towards a much older population, it is vital that old age is not seen as an empty ghetto at the end of life. As the broadcast media play a central role in these images it is with them we must start."

Although nearly one person in five is over retirement age, older people were said to be almost absent from the nation's television screens, except in stereotype roles; they were often the butt of humour in comedy series yet were never seen in television advertisements.

BBC executive denies job bias against woman

A senior BBC executive accused of promoting an inexperienced man over five well-qualified women told an industrial tribunal yesterday: "I try to be sex blind as I am colour blind."

However during the second day of a woman's fight to claim compensation for sex discrimination, a lawyer accused the BBC of "the most blatant piece of sex discrimination one can possibly imagine".

Miss Rosemary Glass, aged 36, of Algernon Road, Lewisham, south-east London, a researcher with the BBC for 10 years, claims she should have been awarded the £14,500-a-year post but the corporation wanted a man for the job.

Mr Graham Mytton, head of the external services research department, told the tribunal at Ebury Bridge, Chelsea, west London that he believed 26-year-old Andrew Claypole had the "most important" merit of being able to meet deadlines - although he had only 18 months' experience - whereas Miss Glass was "ponderous".

Mr Claypole had given impressive answers before a selection board of four men and one woman.

Mrs Elizabeth Andrews, counsel for Miss Glass, said when Mr Claypole missed deadlines the attitude taken was "Poor Andrew". But when Miss Glass did the same she was accused of having a lack of urgency. The hearing continues.

Portfolio PLUS NEW Accumulator

Prize will bring new furniture

A business consultant and lecturer from Pinner, Middlesex, is today's outright winner of the £4,000 prize in the Portfolio Gold competition.

Mr Gerald Cass, of The Avenue, intends to spend his winnings on refurbishing the living room for which he and his wife, June, had already planned new furniture.

Mr Cass said any money left over would go towards a family summer holiday with his wife and two children, Anna, aged 17, and Daniel, aged 13. They have still to choose a destination.

Angler fined for lead shot

The Thames Water Authority successfully prosecuted an angler for the first time yesterday for using lead shot on the Thames, where many swans have been killed by lead poisoning.

Michael Bunce, a student, was caught using it on the river near West Molesey, Surrey. He pleaded guilty at Walton-on-Thames Magistrates' Court and was fined £50 with £47 in costs.

Pesticide case

The first prosecution under the Food and Environment Protection Act for the illegal use of pesticides is to be heard at Dover Magistrates' Court on April 29 when a Canterbury farmer faces charges of spraying cherries last July with a pesticide called Mesurol.

Harrier order

The Ministry of Defence has ordered a second batch of 34 Harrier GR5s, making a total of 96 ordered for the Royal Air Force, Mr Timothy Sainsbury, Under Secretary for Defence Procurement, announced in the Commons last night.

Boys buried

Andrew Watts and Lee Powell, two of the four boys killed in the Austrian Alps school trip disaster, were buried yesterday at All Saints Church, Maidenhead, Berkshire. The funerals of the other two take place today.

Radio 4 voice

Mr James Naughtie, aged 36, chief political correspondent of *The Guardian*, joins the BBC in the autumn to present Radio 4's daily news programme, *The World at One*.

Girls allowed

The King's School, Canterbury, the oldest school in England, announced yesterday that it is to become co-educational after nearly 1,400 years.

Tour refunds

Intasun, Britain's second biggest tour operator, yesterday forecast that holidaymakers would be given refunds rather than face surcharges this summer.

World leader opens estate agency in UK

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

The American company, Century 21, which claims to be the largest estate agency group in the world, and has offices in the United States, Canada, France and Japan, yesterday launched itself in the United Kingdom by opening nine offices in Northern Ireland.

In three months it will invade the mainland, probably on the edge of Greater London and aims to have between 70 and 100 offices within a year and 400-500 in five years.

The staff all wear gold blazers and Mr Neville Cohen, the British managing director of Century 21 UK, said that they would use an aggressive approach.

The copany plans to operate a franchise system under which independent estate agents sign on with Century 21 for a fee of £2,500, and then pay a service charge of 6 per cent of their gross fee income and a further 2 per cent towards advertising.

Cancer research

New treatment for tumours

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Encouraging results from trials of an experimental type of cancer treatment pioneered in Britain were disclosed yesterday by the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Two adults suffering from brain tumours, for whom doctors had given up hope, are leading active lives after receiving the treatment.

Wider use of the treatment for thousands of patients is being explored.

It may help people who have recovered after removal of one of the more common types of tumour but succumb, sometimes years later, within weeks when dormant cells that had spread from the original tumour suddenly attack the spinal cord and brain.

Patients in terminal care suffering from this type of malignant meningitis have recovered in the experiments to lead longer lives of good quality, according to specialists from the fund's research units where the treatment was pioneered. The research has involved 15 patients.

Outlining the results yesterday, Dr John Kemshead and Dr Linda Lashford, of the Institute of Child Health in London, and Mr Hugh Coakham, consultant neurosurgeon at the Frenchay Hospital, Bristol, described the next stage of the research.

Sufferers of medulloblastoma, a form of brain tumour affecting about 100 children and young adults every year in the UK, will take part in the trial, as well as children with leukaemia.

The therapy has a lot in common with one of the most effective cancer treatments developed more than 30 years ago: the introduction of radioactive iodine, I-131, for treating disorders of the thyroid gland. Since the thyroid gland absorbs iodine, the job of targeting the drug containing the radio-isotope was done naturally by the body.

In the new treatment the targeting depends on the use of monoclonal antibodies, the genetically engineered agents discovered 10 years ago by scientists at the Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge.

They can be tailor-made in the laboratory to home in on specific cancer cells.

Mr Coakham said the two patients now living normal lives, a woman aged 30 living in Holland and a man aged 18 from the South of England, were treated two years ago.

He said: "Standard treatment for these patients is surgery followed by radiotherapy. Some are also given drug treatment. If they relapse, they may have a second course of standard treatment.

"But many patients reach the stage where there is nothing to offer because they have received the maximum amount of conventional therapy tolerable. This was the position of our patients."

Dr Lashford, a paediatrician, said antibody treatment may partially or completely replace external radiation therapy which can be harmful, particularly when treating tumours in children.

Youth crushed trying to cheat drink machine

A youth who discovered he could get free drinks by rocking vending machines died after an 800lb machine fell on top of him, an inquest was told yesterday.

A verdict of misadventure was returned on Darren Gooch, aged 17, of the Cora Hotel, Upper Woburn Place, Euston, north London, who died of brain injuries on January 28, 12 weeks after the accident at the hotel.

Mr Michael Ridley, of Camden Council Health and Safety at Work, said he was investigating the machines after reports that seven American servicemen had died and more had been injured in similar accidents.

Dr Douglas Chambers, the St Pancras coroner, said: "It seems to me that with the almost unlimited public access to machines there is a threat to the public".

He suggested that Coca Cola installers and manufacturers should take responsibility for installing machines properly so that "this cannot happen again".

How the 2.30 at Kempton may help hospitals

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

A racecourse is seeking sponsorship for a Bank holiday meeting to raise funds for extra health service nurses.

Businesses in Hounslow and Spelthorne health authority, west London, are being asked to buy sponsorship packages ranging from £500 to £6,000 for Kempton Park races on May 2.

Health ministers have said that income generation schemes throughout the country could raise £20 million this year for the health service.

The health authority will use any profit from the Kempton Park sponsorship to pay for modern equipment and extra nurses for the casualty departments at Ashford and West Middlesex hospitals.

The cheapest rates enable a company to gets its name on the race card while the more expensive packages would entitle a company to be named on banners for a televised race.

The health authority is also selling £6 race day tickets at the two hospitals, in public houses and newsagents. Any money raised from the sales, less value-added tax, will go to the hospitals' funds.

Organizers hope to raise at least £20,000, which will contribute to a £500,000 appeal to upgrade buildings, buy more modern equipment and add extra nurses to the two accident and emergency departments which treat 100,000 patients a year.

The West Middlesex Hospital hopes to be able to provide separate examination cubicles for child accident victims and a bigger resuscitation suite while the Ashford Hospital will use the money for modern equipment such as monitors, defibrillators for heart attack victims and blood pressure machines.

Mr John Belstead, Accident and Emergency Consultant at Ashford Hospital, said: "We are still using an eye examination chair that resembles a Victorian barber's chair. It should be in a museum not a modern hospital."

The authority is also leasing some of its land to companies at the Rugby Football Union's Twickenham headquarters and expects to raise £50,000.

● South Glamorgan health authority is to launch a lottery among its 12,000 staff with prizes including a car and a world holiday to raise £10,000 for hospital funds. Employees wishing to take part will have £1 deducted from their salary and given a lottery number.

The authority will put half of the stakes towards improving patient facilities.

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Inquiry into disclosure of poll tax papers

MI5 may join leaked letters hunt

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

Members of the intelligence service, MI5, may be called in to track down the source of the deeply embarrassing leak of a Cabinet document on the eve of Monday's backbench rebellion on the poll tax.

Downing Street is viewing the leak – the third in six weeks – with the utmost seriousness and ministers agreed yesterday to a request by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, for an immediate inquiry.

Government sources said yesterday that such an inquiry would probably be conducted by one or two senior Civil Servants from outside the departments concerned who were "trained in security matters".

Some Whitehall experts interpreted this as meaning MI5, but Downing Street would not comment. It did deny reports that the Special Branch had been called in.

The investigators will have the power to question whoever they want and to go wherever they want within Whitehall, but they face a formidable task in hunting down their quarry.

The two documents involved were sent to Mr Robin Cook, the shadow Secretary of State for Social Services, who protected his source by having them retyped before distributing them to the press and colleagues.

Two celebrated leakers, Mr Clive Ponting and Miss Sarah Tisdall, were both traced through tell-tale marks on the documents they leaked.

One Whitehall expert calculated yesterday that up to 70 different people may have had access to one of the documents, a letter from Mr Paul Gray, Mrs Thatcher's private secretary responsible for home affairs, to Mr Roger Bright, a senior Department of the Environment official.

This gave details of a meeting of senior Cabinet ministers at which it was decided to claw back elsewhere the £130 million "concession" on rebates that Mr Ridley offered to dissident Tory MPs last Thursday.

Mr Gray said in his letter that he was sending copies to Mr Alex Allan at the Treasury, Miss Alison Smith in the office of Mr John Wakeham, Leader of the House, and Mr Murdo Maclean in the Government Chief Whip's office.

The letter will also have been seen in Mrs Thatcher's private office and in her policy unit, in the Cabinet Office, and in several divisions of the Treasury, the Department of Health and Social Security and the Department of Environment.

The second document was a letter to Mr Gray from Miss Deborah Lamb, Mr Ridley's private secretary, saying he was coming under increasing pressure "as the issue is beginning to be understood" by backbenchers.

This was copied to Miss Jill Rutter, a Treasury official, Mr Geoffrey Podger at the DHSS, Mrs Margaret Jones at the Scottish Office, Mr Jon Shortridge at the Welsh Office, Miss Alison Brimelow at the Department of Trade, Mr Nick Wilson at the Department of Employment, and Mr Trevor Woolley in the office of Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary. It too would have had a much wider circulation within the various offices.

If discovered, the leaker will certainly be dismissed, but whether there would be a prosecution under the discredited Official Secrets Act is another matter.

The Government's standing has been damaged but national security has not. As in the Ponting case, the leak was to an MP, and the Government had its fingers badly burnt when it tried to prosecute him.

The Department of the Environment inquiry will be the third concurrent investigation into the leaking of documents emanating from Mrs Thatcher's private office, but there is no firm evidence that the same person is involved in each case.

On March 19 an inquiry was begun into the leaking to Labour of a letter from Mrs Thatcher's office to Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, disclosing a serious rift about policy.

On March 29 another inquiry was begun into the leaking of letters from her office to Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, disclosing details of the direction of education policy.

No culprits have been identified in either case. Each inquiry is being conducted by one or two people outside the departments concerned but inside the Civil Service.

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Anger over Labour MPs missing vote

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

Labour Party whips were angry yesterday over the failure of two of their most senior MPs, Mr Denis Healey and Mr Denis Howell to vote in the poll tax division on Monday night.

Many Labour MPs believe Mr Howell could be punished by being dropped as frontbench spokesman on sport.

Only eight Labour MPs did not vote. Mr Alfred Morris, Mr Harry Ewing, Mr Donald Coleman and Mr Edward Leadbitter had special "pairing" arrangements with four Conservative MPs.

Of the others, Mr Adam Ingram was in hospital and Mr Dave Nellist was suspended from the House after his ejection from the chamber last week during the emergency debate on social security benefit changes.

Labour whips said only Mr Healey and Mr Howell had no satisfactory excuses for failing to vote and so dent the Government's majority even further.

Mr Healey is in California but the whips contacted him there as late as Monday morning.

He apparently told them that he thought himself to be "paired" with Mr Ian Stewart, Minister of State for the Armed Forces.

"It was clearly a misapprehension. Mr Stewart voted. We are not pleased", a Labour whip said.

But the worst offender, according to Labour MPs, was Mr Howell. He is a member of the frontbench environment team. All Monday his colleagues on the team led by Dr John Cunningham and Mr Jeff Rooker tried to discover were he was.

It was only yesterday that they found he was in the United States.

A Labour frontbencher said: "He has blotted his copy book. Neil will probably drop him in the autumn reshuffle."

The vote produced the biggest turn-out for all the main parties for many years.

All 19 members of the new Social and Liberal Democrats voted. A notable absentee was Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP, who was in Holland. He had a long-standing invitation to address an international conference.

Ten of the 13 Ulster Unionist MPs travelled over to vote for Mr Micahel Mates. All the Welsh and Scottish nationalists and the three members of the Social Democratic and Labour Party attended.

Fourteen Conservative MPs were missing. The four "paired" with the Labour MPs, thus cancelling each other's absences, were Mr Keith Speed, Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr Humfry Malins and Sir Michael Shaw.

Six others abstained – Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Mr John Hunt, Mr Anthony Steen, Mr Ralph Howell, Mr Norman Miscampbell and Mr Dennis Walters.

The remaining four, classed by the whips as ill, were Mr Nicholas Fairbairn, Dr Alan Glyn, Mr David Mudd and Sir Brandon Rhys Williams.

The rebels believe they could have counted on the support of Mr Rhys Williams and Mr Mudd, because they had both signed Mr Mates's amendment. But the other two would almost certainly have backed the Government.

Mr Mates' supporters were pointing out yesterday that if the four unpaired Labour MPs, Dr Owen and the three Unionists had been present the Government's majority would have been 17.

The Conservative MPs voting against the Government were: Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch); Mr Jonathan Aitken (Thanet South); Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark (Birmingham Selly Oak); Mr William Benyon (Milton Keynes); Mr John Biffen (Shropshire N); Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith (Kincardine and Deeside); Sir Antony Buck (Colchester N); Mr Patrick Cormack (Staffordshire S); Mr Julian Critchley (Aldershot); Mr Hugh Dykes (Harrow E); Sir Ian Gilmour (Chesham and Amersham); Sir Philip Goodhart (Beckenham); Mr John Gorst (Hendon N); Mr Keith Hampson (Leeds NW); Mr Ken Hargreaves (Hyndburn); Mr Alan Haselhurst (Saffron Walden); Sir Barney Hayhoe (Brentford and Isleworth); Mr Edward Heath (Old Bexley and Sidcup); Mr Michael Heseltine (Henley); Mr Robert Hicks (Cornwall SE); Mr Michael Irvine (Ipswich); Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith (Wealden); Mr David Knox (Staffordshire, Moorlands); Mr Jim Lester (Broxtowe); Mr Michael Mates (Hampshire E); Sir Anthony Meyer (Clywd NW); Sir Charles Morrison (Devizes); Mrs Elizabeth Peacock (Batley and Spen); Mr Timothy Raison (Aylesbury); Mr Tim Rathbone (Lewes); Mr Graham Riddick (Colne Valley); Sir Peter Tapsell (Lindsey E); Mr Peter Temple-Morris (Leominster); Mr Cyril Townsend (Bexleyheath); Mr Bowen Wells (Hertford and Stortford); Mr Tim Yeo (Suffolk S). The tellers for Mr Mates's amendment were Sir George Young (Ealing, Acton) and Mr Robin Squire (Hornchurch).

Those Conservative MPs not voting were: Mr Norman Miscampbell (Blackpool N); Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop (Tiverton); Mr David Mudd (Falmouth and Camborne); Mr Anthony Steen (South Hams); Mr John Hunt (Ravensbourne); Mr Dennis Walters (Westbury); Mr Humfrey Malins (Croydon NW); Mr Keith Speed (Ashford); Dr Alan Glyn (Windsor and Maidenhead); Mr Ralph Howell (Norfolk N); Sir Geoffrey Finsberg (Hampstead and Highgate); Sir Michael Shaw (Scarborough); and two known to be ill: Sir Brandon Rhys Williams (Kensington) and Mr Nicholas Fairbairn (Perth and Kinross).

Rock around the V&A



Rob and Anna Glazebrook staging a jive revival yesterday beside a 1955 Mercury Monterey outside the Victoria and Albert Museum as part of its month-long Festival of the 1950s, celebrating the art, design and style of a decade when cars meant chrome, "hoppers" were "groovy" and anyone who failed to "get with it" was "square" (Photograph: Alan Weller).

Hidden works of art

MPs to question museums

By Andrew Billen

Directors of the British Museum and the Victoria and Albert will today be questioned by MPs about the conservation and storage difficulties of art works, highlighted in a report last month by the National Audit Office.

The report's findings that hundreds of damaged paintings, decaying tapestries, and decomposing books litter the damp and overcrowded storehouses of Britain's museums prompted a national debate over why they should have been hidden away in the first place. The Commons public accounts committee will seek explanations from the directors.

An example of a "hidden" work is "Mankind", a majestic eight-foot sculpture by Eric Gill. It is one of nearly 700 of the Tate Gallery's 1,020 modern sculptures not on view. Described as "stupendous" by *The Times* in 1928, "Mankind" was bought by the Tate in 1938 but has not been seen in the gallery for at least 15 years.

The National Audit Office says the British Museum and the Victoria and Albert may have "never" exhibited many objects suitable for display.

Sir Peter Wakefield, director of the National Art-Collections Fund, which helps to buy works for the nation, says: "The fact that things are not on show is not necessarily a criticism, but in some cases one would like to see much more on display. It is a question of space."

Keepers suspect that government is manipulating the public's natural resentment about "unseen treasures" to force the conclusion that space should be freed and money earned by selling off minor works.

An unpublished draft of the report, a copy of which has been seen by *The Times*, said: "Bolder disposal policies would help to streamline collections without seriously reducing their scope and relevance; and a fresh look is needed at trustees' powers to dispose of objects and how to overcome the opposition of museums' staff".

After protests from the museums, the report finally spoke instead of "serious difficulties" with that solution.

Inability to care for and display works may be a disincentive to people considering bequeathing their collections, but selling past bequests would scare off more still. Nor, museums say, will the sale of unfashionable objects clear much space or, by definition, raise huge sums.

Talk of chipping away at archives angers academics, who say that museums exist for study and research. The Association of Art Historians says: "The National Audit Office report fails to recognize adequately the duty of these museums to preserve objects which cannot be permanently displayed".

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Drawing in chalk sells for £55,000

SALEROOM
by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

A drawing once thought to be by Leonardo da Vinci, and signed with his name, fetched top price at Christie's Old Master Drawings sale yesterday, selling for £55,000 (estimate £25,000 to £30,000) to the dealers Hazlitt, Gooden & Fox.

It was "The Head of a Man", in red chalk, and resplendent with a flowing crown of hair, by Giovanni Agostino da Lodi. The attribution had recently been confirmed by the Italian expert Professor Bora.

Another drawing, this one by the Dutch artist Jan Verbeeck, showing grotesque-looking workers in a forge, fetched second price of £48,000 (estimate £20,000 to £30,000), selling to the United States trade. The sale totalled £500,000, with 12 per cent unsold.

Also at Christie's was a sale of Old Master, Modern and Contemporary prints, which totalled a modest £142,000, with 87 per cent sold. The highest price was £3,850 for a Rembrandt etching of Faust, sent for sale by the Fogg Art Museum. It sold to an Italian dealer at £1,000 over estimate.

The Swedish auctioneers, Bukowski, had a successful first day of a four-day series of auctions in Stockholm, attaining a record price for the poet/artist August Strindberg of £136,000, against an estimate of £45,000. Painted in oil it shows a coast line, the sky blending dramatically with the sea.

Other high prices include that of £127,500 for a painting of a young woman by Anders Zorn – an artist who has been achieving dramatic prices in recent months – and two good prices for Carl Larsson. One, showing a model posing in a suburban garden, fetched £219,000, and another, of two girls sewing, fetched £200,000, both approximately twice their estimates.

The first in a series of Sotheby's New York jewellery sales went well in New York on Monday, although its total of £800,000 is expected to pale into insignificance with the highlights in store.

Top lot was a long diamond chain-necklace, circa 1920, which fetched $137,500 (£71,800) or double its estimate. An emerald and diamond bracelet, circa 1930, sold for $42,900 (£22,402).

Blacks threatened by soccer gang, court told

A policeman who infiltrated a gang of alleged football hooligans told Leeds Crown Court yesterday how they antagonized black supporters of a rival team.

Sergeant Michael Fickling went with the gang of Leeds United supporters to a match at Ipswich on New Year's Day 1987. He said one of the accused, Martin Pickard, aged 23, told the others how he had assaulted a black fan. "I battered that nigger over there", Mr Pickard allegedly said.

Sergeant Fickling said another of the defendants, Frank Milner, aged 20, then became very excited. "He was shouting 'come on nigger', and jumping up and down", Sergeant Fickling said. "He was shouting 'my mate smacked you in the mouth. Come on. Have you got any bananas? I will cut your liver out'."

The sergeant said the gang became increasingly antagonistic towards black people among the Ipswich crowd and started chanting at them. Milner had shouted, "Hey nigger, you're dead, boy".

Eleven men deny a charge of conspiring to fight and make an affray during the 1986-87 football season.

The prosecution alleges they planned violence at and around football matches, that they were led by David Brown, aged 26, a former paratrooper who was nicknamed "Para", and that the gang was dubbed "Para's Army".

It is also claimed that another of the accused, Nigel Stephenson, aged 17, worked for British Rail and was able to get information about the arrival of opposing fans at Leeds City station so the gang could confront them.

Sergeant Fickling said that he and other undercover officers who mounted Operation Wild Boar were accepted into the gang and attended meetings with its members. The trial continues today.

Missing man 'got top sites'

A man sought by Scotland Yard for allegedly investing proceeds from the £26-million Brink's Mat bullion robbery had "a good nose for property", a court was told yesterday.

Mr John Parry is said to have put some of the stolen money in building development. Mr Christopher Wiseman, a developer who knew Mr Parry, told the Central Criminal Court he was approached by Mr Parry in 1984 on the site of a complex he was developing at Cheltenham.

Mr Parry's company, Parjohn, later bought flats on the site for £520,000. Mr Wiseman was also taken to see the £750,000 Old Caledonian Wharf which Mr Parry had bought in London's docklands.

An alleged business partner of Mr Parry, Mr Michael Relton, "knew what he was talking about when it came to property and wanted to be associated with fairly good quality development", Mr Wiseman said.

Mr Relton, aged 48, of Victoria, north London, is accused with eight others of conspiracy to handle proceeds of the Brink's Mat robbery in 1983. Gold was allegedly melted down and cash from its sale siphoned into property.

The other accused are Mr Brian Perry, aged 48, of Biggin Hill, south-east London; Mr John Elcombe, 39, and his wife, Anne, 38, of Maidstone, Kent; Mr Stephen Donovan, 34, of Stepney, east London; Miss Kathleen McAvoy, 40, of Bickley, south-east London; Miss Jacqueline McAvoy, 32, of Bickley; Mr Michael Osborn, 43, of Maidstone; and Mr Joseph Medayil, 56, of High Barnet, north London. All nine plead not guilty.

The trial continues today.

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Heathrow to seek fifth terminal for passengers

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

British Airways and BAA are studying plans for a fifth terminal at Heathrow Airport which could handle 25 million passengers a year – as many as pass through Gatwick.

Formal planning applications for the terminal, which would extend Heathrow's boundaries to the edge of the M25 on land partly designated as Green Belt, are likely to be made by the end of this year if research proves that the idea is feasible and that there is the demand.

British Airways says that only by building the terminal, exclusively for its own use, can it expand beyond 1995.

If the plan goes ahead it is bound to cause a furore among local groups who are determined to block any new terminal and until now have believed that the proposed site could handle only 15 million passengers a year.

British Airways has long argued that a fifth terminal should be built at Perry Oaks, a sewage and sludge works on 264 acres of land between the two main runways to the west of the airport. Discussions are taking place with Thames Water Authority and BAA to buy the land and to remove the sludge to other sites after a joint engineering study which showed that it was technically feasible.

BAA is also awaiting a government decision, likely within two months, on a £160 million high speed rail link from Paddington to Heathrow and an Underground extension to the proposed terminal.

It wants the Department of Transport to say whether a spur road could be built from the M25 to the building, how many more passengers the Civil Aviation Authority believes will be flying by the year 2000, details of how changes in air traffic control procedures will affect aircraft flying in and out of Britain, and British Airways' plans to buy bigger aircraft and increase the number of passengers per movement.

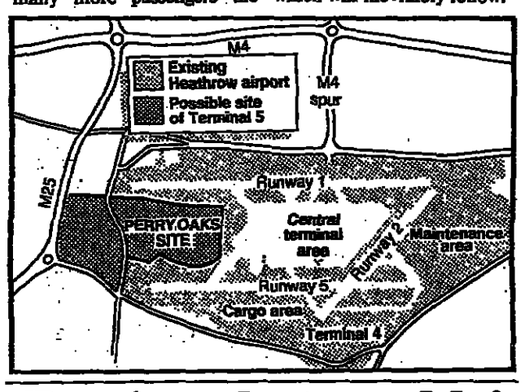
If British Airways is successful in persuading BAA to build a 25 million passenger terminal, it knows it will face furious lobbying against the plans not only from local authorities but from northern constituencies who want to see a further growth in regional airports.

It will argue that aircraft are getting bigger and that even with a limit on the number of aircraft using the two main runways there will have to be bigger terminals. It has never liked its operations split between many different terminals, which is both costly and confusing. It also wants an ultra-modern main terminal to project its image and will be pressing BAA to build it to its tailor-made specifications.

British Airways claims to have a 36 per cent market share in the South-east and to carry 21 million of the current 58 million passengers. To maintain that market share by the end of the century it will expect to carry 35 million.

The average passenger load of 130 on a 200 seat aircraft will rise to 180 on 250 seat aircraft, it predicts, as the present fleet is replaced with bigger jets.

Talks will be held during the next few weeks to refine the plans and to draw up a strategy for pushing through the planning application and winning the public inquiry which will inevitably follow.



Boy 'taught to tackle'

The master who coached rugby at Bedford School told the High Court yesterday that he had considered it important for boys to be taught how to tackle.

Mr Ian Rosser, giving evidence on the nineteenth day of a claim by a former pupil that he was left crippled by a tackle because he was not coached properly, said he had held a practice session in rugby skills once a week.

Mr Rosser said that the pupil, Simon Van Oppen, now aged 24, had been one of the better tacklers".

Mr Van Oppen, of Roehampton, south-west London, holds the school trustees responsible for the spinal injury he suffered during an inter-house match in November 1980.

The action, in which the trustees deny liability, continues today.

Sunny outlook as small hospital wins reprieve

By David Nicholson Lord

Picture most people's ideal of a hospital and the Queen Victoria at Tonbridge in Kent must come close to it. It is small, sunny and intimate, dating from the days when hospitals were built around cottages.

It is set in four acres of lawn and woodland, studded now with early bluebells, and it represents, in most estimations, excellent value for money. It is also under threat of closure.

A High Court judge will next week outline his reasons for backing, on Monday, 24 Tonbridge family doctors who took a health authority to court over its attempt to close the Queen Victoria.

Doctors and patients at the 29-bed hospital yesterday celebrated their reprieve with "two cakes with their coffee", Dr David Goodridge, who led the campaign, said.

The mood of elation was tempered by the knowledge that the Tunbridge Wells Health Authority, which took the closure decision at a private meeting in January and was criticized by Mr Justice Hutchison for not consulting properly over the closure plan, may still decide to continue with its proposal at a meeting next month.

The Kent doctors believe their unusual legal action is not just about freedom of information and proper democratic processes, it is also, they say, vital to the future of cottage hospitals throughout the country.

The Queen Victoria costs £250,000 a year to run: a third of the deficit the health authority was facing on its £54 million budget.

Dr Goodridge believes hospitals such as the Queen Victoria give value for money and a quality of care which general hospitals cannot match.

"Not all people need sophisticated medical care", he said. "A lot of people can be looked after quite simply by GPs and nurses in cottage hospitals."

The medical bill at the hospital is £7,000 a year, divided among the 24 doctors, who are on call round the clock.

Patients using the Queen Victoria include sufferers from strokes and pneumonia, the terminally ill, elderly long-stay patients and people admitted to give hard-pressed relatives a respite from 24-hour care.

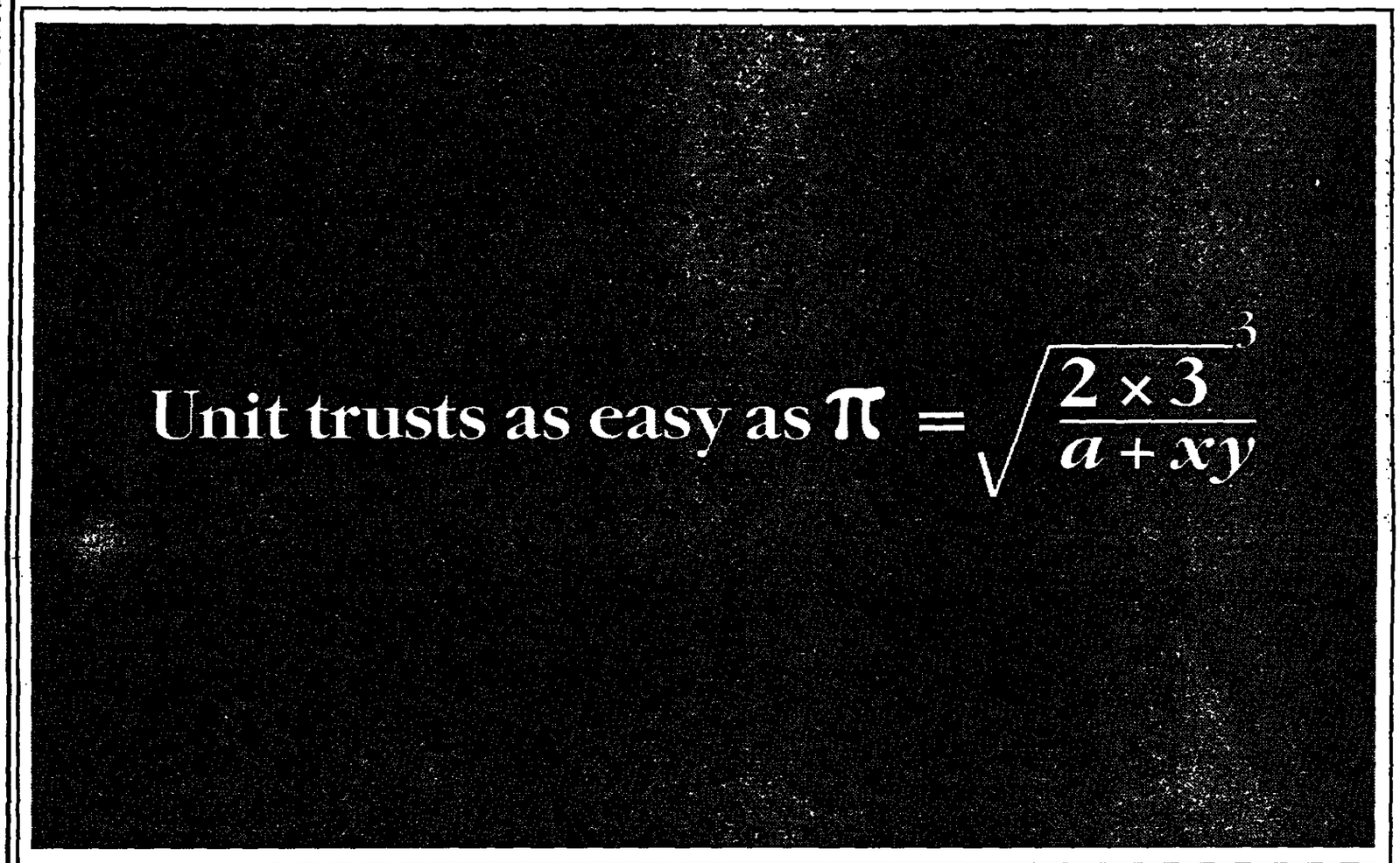
Among the hospital's strongest defenders is Miss Dora May Hyder, at 96 its oldest patient. She was one of 12 remaining patients who faced transfer when the deadline for closure expired this week.

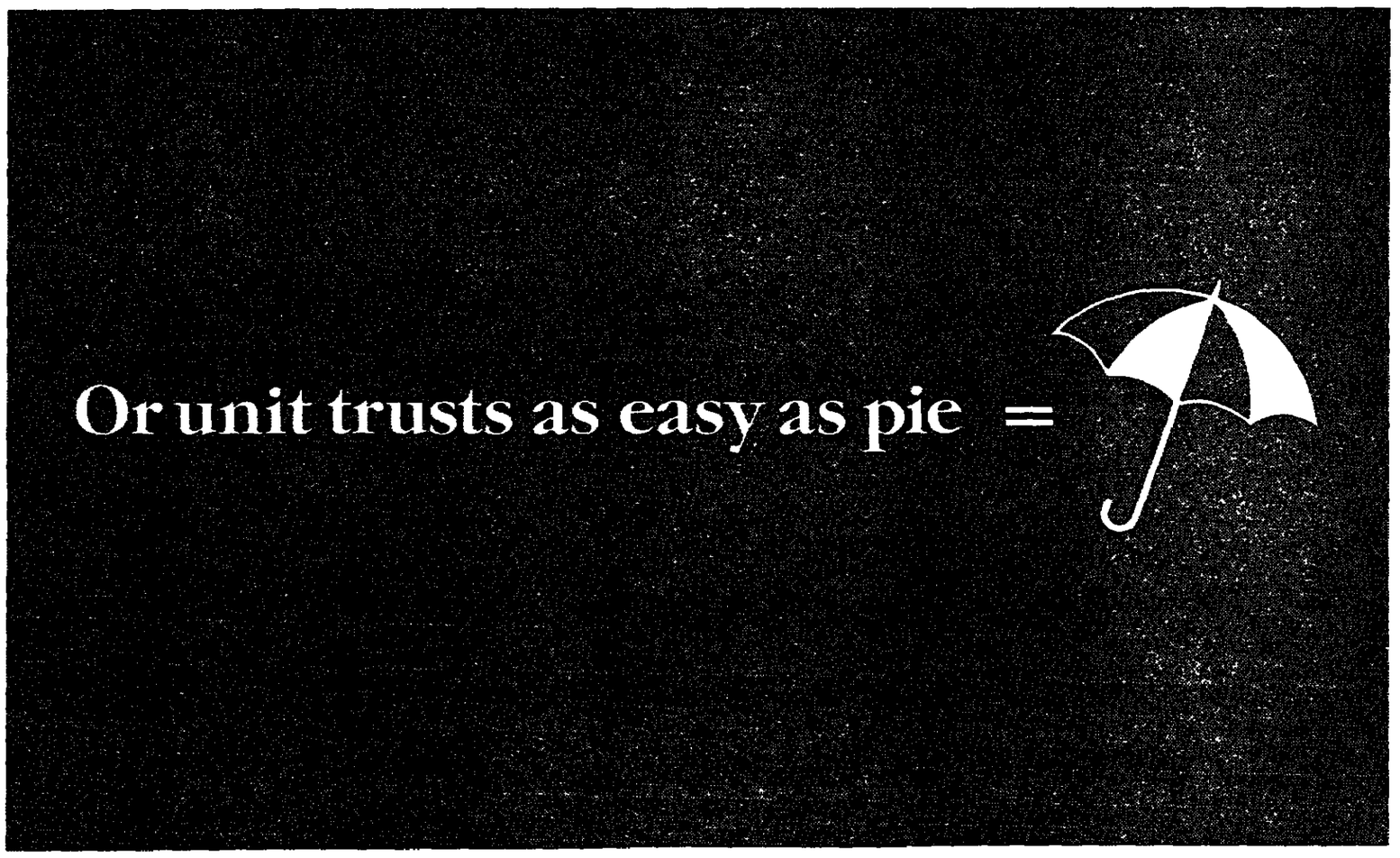
"Everything is so wonderful here", she said. "I used to lead such an active life but now I can't do anything except sit out a little, read a little, knit a little, talk a little. But the care I get could not be better. I am very happy."

Dr Goodridge is optimistic about the prospects for keeping the Queen Victoria open. So is Miss Hyder. "I shan't live forever", she said. "But I hope the hospital will stay open forever."



Dr David Goodridge (centre) with some patients and other staff at Queen Victoria Hospital. Standing, from left, Sister Margaret Ellenoer, Mrs Aileen Mahey (matron), Mr David Cambell (patient), Miss Amanda Goodard (domestic staff), auxilliary nurse Shirley Rogers, Mrs Linda Shorter (ward orderly) and Mr Dominic Skelton (gardener). Seated, from left, Mrs Ivy Englis, Mrs Queenie Ventham and Miss Dora May Hyder (Photograph: Graham Wood).





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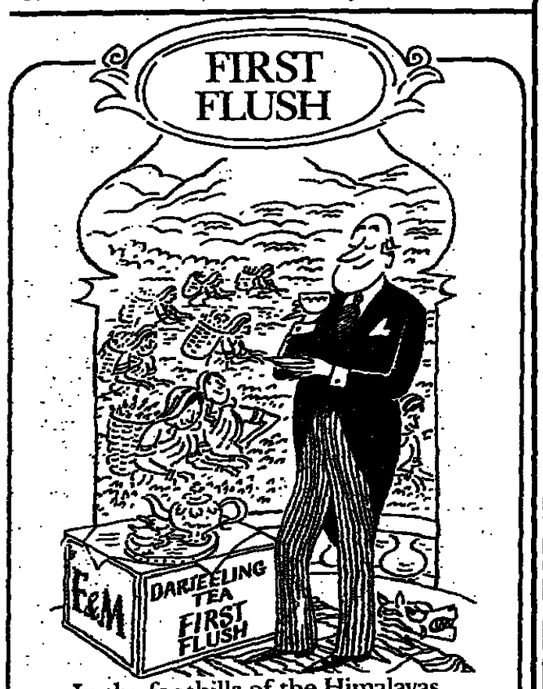
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WORLD ROUNDUP

Israelis deport eight Palestinians

Jerusalem – Israel yesterday again defied world opinion to deport eight more Palestinians to southern Lebanon, bringing to 20 the number expelled since the start of the uprising last December (Ian Murray writes). The eight include six villagers from Beita, where an Israeli girl was accidentally shot and killed by a settler guard this month, when a group of young hikers became involved in a riot.

The six are said to have led the riot, grabbing a gun from a settler, throwing stones and inciting the trouble. With the two others, both alleged PLO activists, the six were flown to the strip of Israeli-controlled land in south Lebanon, given $50 (£26) each and released. The British Foreign Office said the action was "in clear breach of international law". Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary General, warned that deportations would aggravate tension.

Nicaragua deadlock

Managua – Peace talks between the Nicaraguan Government and the Contra rebels have ended in stalemate, destroying prospects of reaching a definite settlement to the war within the 60-day timetable established in a ceasefire pact signed last month (David Gollob writes). Although the two sides have agreed to hold a further round of talks in Managua starting on April 28, a climate of mutual mistrust has replaced the euphoria that followed the signing of the temporary ceasefire agreement at the Nicaraguan border post of Sapoa four weeks ago. Hopes of a timetable for troop withdrawals and the freeing of political prisoners have been severely knocked by the deadlock.

Colombia accused

A political killing is carried out on average every six hours in Colombia, according to a report published by Amnesty International today (Caroline Moorehead writes). The deaths – almost 1,500 a year – take place in a country now accepted to have the highest murder rate in the world. Most of the deaths occur as a result of street crimes and drug trafficking, but since last year the policy of political murder launched by the Colombian armed forces has extended beyond left-wing opponents to the Government. Amnesty International concludes that human rights violations are not only tolerated by the armed forces "but are in fact the result of a deliberate policy of political murder".

Death verdict upheld

Kuala Lumpur (Reuter) – Derrick Gregory, the Briton whose appeal against a death sentence in Malaysia for heroin trafficking was rejected yesterday, will ask for clemency in a final bid to save himself from the gallows, his lawyer said. Mr Rasiah Rajasingham said after the Supreme Court turned down the appeal that the pardons board of Penang state would be asked to reprieve Gregory, aged 38, a decorator from Surrey. Chief Justice Hamid Omar said that the Penang court that tried Gregory was right to reject the defence claim that he acted under duress.

Zimbabwe amnesty



Harare – President Mugabe, left, yesterday announced a limited amnesty for political and other offenders to mark his appointment as Zimbabwe's first executive president (A Correspondent writes). During celebrations of Zimbabwe's eighth anniversary of independence, he said the amnesty would set the seal on his December 22 unity pact with the Zapu party of Mr Joshua Nkomo, which has reduced unrest in Matabeleland.

Demjanjuk verdict sparks calls for more trials

From Gitta Sereny
Jerusalem

Life in Israel – as any visitor must feel within minutes of arriving – is so profoundly affected by the events on the West Bank that in this overpowering atmosphere of sorrow, doubts and helplessness one could not imagine anything happening that could even temporarily drive it out of people's minds.

The verdict in the Demjanjuk case did exactly that, and yesterday Israel's five main papers devoted pages, and Israel Radio hours, to the subject.

The problem with the Demjanjuk case from the start was that it was flawed. Flawed not because there is the least doubt about the events of the Holocaust, and more specifically Treblinka, where "Ivan the Terrible" became a symbol of the horror for the paltry few in Camp Two or Upper Camp – the place where the gassing took place – who for brief periods were allowed to remain alive to clean the gas chambers and burn the corpses.

But flawed because the case was largely imposed upon Israel by the Americans who – themselves unable by law to hold a criminal trial of Nazi crimes – wanted someone to stage it with one of the hundreds of men they have denaturalized for lying on their US visa applications about their collaboration with the Germans during the Second World War.

And flawed because the man finally accepted by Israel for this purpose continued to maintain, as he had done through two civil trials and appeals in the United States, that this was a case of mistaken identity, Russian perfidy and thirst for revenge by American Jews.

He kept it up even after the verdict. He raised his manacled hands in his by now familiar gesture and called out hoarsely: "I innocent – innocent man." But *Maariv* newspaper used its biggest-ever type for: "This is the man!"

Israel heaved a sigh of relief and the Minister of Justice, Mr Avraham Sharir, speaking with extraordinary aptness from Treblinka (he had been visiting Poland for last week's commemoration "March of Life" in Auschwitz) found the right words to express the euphoric feelings of most Israelis.

"This verdict," he said, "is a big victory for history and of justice. Thank God we have our own state. Unless we had the state of Israel Eichmann would still be alive and Demjanjuk would be a free man. This Nazi crime trial is a tribute to the Israeli system of justice, the objectivity of which is known all over the world. And it gives us a better appreciation of our country.

"The conviction of Demjanjuk closes a circle: a man who committed his crime on the soil of Poland has now paid his debt in free Israel. At the same time, it reminds us that there are still thousands of Nazis free in the world who can now never be sure that they will not be brought to justice in Israel."

If those of us who listened as the judges, reading the 10-hour summary in turn of what are apparently mere glimpses of the reasoning in the 450-page verdict, were astonished by the passion and clarity, but also slightly taken aback by their frequent quotes from poetry or religious writing, most Israelis appear to be very happy about the outcome.

Certainly all the papers praised the presentation and what, certainly, all of them see as a just ending.

"It was more important than the Eichmann trial," *Haaritz* newspaper quotes one of the judges in that historic case as saying. And the reason for it was, he said, that testimony of personal atrocities was "concrete", while in the Eichmann trial it was "abstract".

The prosecution staff who have worked on the case for five years were elated. "Will they have to ask for the death penalty next Monday?" I asked the prosecutor, Mr Michael Horowitz. "The Eichmann case established that it was not mandatory," he said. "Certainly we shan't be asking for mercy."

"Justice Be Done," said the headline in the Labour daily *Hadashot*, which – perhaps the exception rather than the rule – asked for the death penalty. What is perhaps startling in a country that until the Demjanjuk case, in spite of a great deal of urging from Jewish groups abroad, assiduously avoided further war crimes trials after Eichmann, is that virtually every paper is calling for more trials.

"It is extraordinary," said Mr Efraim Zuroff, director in Israel of the Los Angeles Simon Wiesenthal centre. "In April 1987 an opinion poll here established that 86 per cent of the people asked whether they wanted more trials replied in the affirmative."

But over the past month I came to feel that the length of the trials, the concentration on minor legal points and the mammoth costs – already almost a million shekels (more than £300,000) besides salaries – had dissipated this feeling and effectively killed any possibility for further prosecutions.

But the message to the world is clear. Far more convincing cases than Demjanjuk was to start out with are on the cards.

Distinguishing, however, as Mr Zuroff does too, between symbolic and practical justice, the Demjanjuk case, which some of the thinking minority here still believe remains essentially flawed, bears out the enormous difficulties any country must expect if it decides to bring these cases to trial.

The three Israeli judges also had their difficulties before, with enormous soul searching no doubt, they reached their decision.

As Iraqi leader visits scene of military success ships are urged to keep out of Gulf

UK protests to Iranians over attack on tanker

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Britain yesterday protested to Iran in the strongest terms over its attack on a British-owned tanker in the Gulf on Monday, while in the Gulf both Britain and the United States scaled down their naval escort duties to discourage tankers from entering.

The Ministry of Defence advised vessels to keep away while efforts to clear the channels of mines were under way. Tankers trying to enter were no longer being offered protection from the Armilla Patrol, Britain's Gulf force.

The Iranian fast-attack craft Joshan, a 154ft, French-built vessel, learnt a bitter lesson concerning the superiority of American military hardware when it launched a missile on Monday at the guided-missile cruiser USS Wainwright, missing its target.

A Pentagon navy officer said that all American warships in the Gulf now had "chaff" shells that explode metal debris and turn incoming missiles off course. American warships responded with five missiles, reportedly sinking the Iranian vessel.

Meanwhile, in The Hague the Foreign Secretary and Defence Secretary joined ministers of six other European nations in reaffirming the right to defend shipping against attack.

Iran's Chargé d'Affaires in London, Mr Akhoond Zadeh Basti, was summoned to the Foreign Office to receive a dressing down from Mr Alan Munro, Deputy Under Secretary of State.

He was told that the attack on the 112,744-tonne York Marine was "reprehensible and unjustifiable" and a serious violation of international law. The attack followed a US naval bombardment of Iranian oil platforms. The York Marine was not under Royal Navy protection at the time.

The Foreign Office also condemned the resumption of mine laying in international waters, and said Britain held Iran responsible for the escalation of tension in the Gulf.

Mr Basti said later that the protest was unjustified and denied that Iran had laid the mines.

The reduction of the Armilla Patrol's protection for British-flagged shipping stopped short of a full suspension, according to Whitehall sources. But a spokesman said that the Ministry of Defence was trying to discourage vessels from entering by not offering to escort them.

In Kuwait, shipping sources said that the US Navy had suspended the escort of reflagged Kuwaiti tankers in the Gulf until tension between the United States and Iran subsided.

In The Hague, foreign and defence ministers of the seven Western European Union nations called for "an immediate end to all mining and other hostile activities against shipping in international waters, taking into account that such activities can call for measures for self-defence".

Sources in The Hague said the WEU's statement fell short of a scathing condemnation of Iran sought by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary. But Sir Geoffrey denied that he was dissatisfied with it.

He emphasized four principles:

- Freedom of navigation must be respected.
- Europe must play its part in upholding it.
- Mining and attacks on shipping must be stopped.
- The right to self-defence must be recognized.

The Dutch Defence Minister, Mr Wim Van Eekelen, said a joint Dutch-Belgian minehunting fleet under British protection had returned to operations after being temporarily withdrawn during the fighting on Monday.

Mr George Younger, the Defence Secretary, said that existing European mine-hunting equipment in the Gulf was "certainly adequate to deal with the threat".



President Saddam Hussein of Iraq, centre, touring one of his forces' positions in the Fao peninsula yesterday. Baghdad has claimed to have recaptured large parts of the territory from Tehran's control and inflicted heavy casualties on the Iranians.

Tehran's air of desperation

By Hazhir Teimourian

● **MOSCOW:** The Soviet Union yesterday denounced this week's US raids on Iranian oil platforms in the Gulf as acts of "banditry", linked to Israel's alleged assassination of Abu Jihad and designed to preserve Western influence in the strategic waterway (Christopher Walker writes).

A *Pravda* commentary said in reference to Washington's claim that its action was in retaliation for Iranian mine-laying operations: "However you describe it, this nonetheless looks like banditry. There is no other name for attacks on platforms intended for underwater oil extraction."

The anti-Reagan broadside came after earlier predictions from both Soviet and US sources that joint action on resolving the Middle East crisis would be on the agenda for the Moscow meeting between the US and Soviet Foreign Ministers.

The Iranian Government appeared desperate yesterday to reassert its authority domestically after Monday's clashes in the Gulf with the US Navy and a telling strategic setback in the war with Iraq.

The crippling by American missiles of two of the country's four frigates, combined with the news that Iranian forces occupying the Iraqi peninsula of Fao had "redeployed to new positions" in the face of an Iraqi offensive, came as a severe blow.

While political leaders and military commanders met to prepare for a possible bombardment of the port city of Bandar Abbas as the next stage of the confrontation with the US, religious figureheads dominated the media as they whipped up anti-US feeling and urged all able-bodied men to volunteer for the fronts.

One clergyman urged patience on the people, saying that hasty action which might dissipate its energies for the future must be avoided, while Tehran Radio, monitored in London, referred to "these sensitive, historic times".

Contrary to normal practice, the station did not broadcast any witness's report from the scene of operations in Fao, which the Iraqis say they recaptured on Monday.

The radio merely repeated the previous day's accusations that American helicopters had assisted the Iraqis in the attack, and that Kuwait had allowed the use of its Bubiyan island for the offensive.

Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, the Speaker of the Parliament, came closest to admitting a big reverse in the Fao campaign. He said that "time is not on our side any more" and appealed for more people to join the armed forces. "The world – I mean the anti-Islamic, arrogant powers – has decided to make a serious effort to save Saddam (Hussein, the Iraqi President) and tie our hands."

While the commanders of the armed forces issued proclamations that the fight would continue until the "last American aggressor had left the Persian Gulf", President Khamenei, in his capacity as chairman of the Supreme Defence Council, told a gathering of the families of the war dead that the US had now openly entered the conflict.

But he declared: "Even if this investment helps Saddam temporarily, in the long run it will have no other result than a loss of face for 'world arrogance' and its agents." He vowed that Tehran would continue "its determined confrontation" with the US.

Observers say that Iran's hardline factions, which favour permanent upheaval as the way to promote Islam globally, will dominate the new Parliament in June.

Presidential campaign

New York bruises the Democrats

From Charles Bremner, New York

Like guests who outstayed their welcome, the surviving Democratic contenders head off to the relative peace of Pennsylvania bruised and poorer today, leaving their hosts with a pile of broken glass and big scores to settle.

The "Quaker state" votes on Tuesday in the next primary contest after New York's big battle for 255 party delegates.

As an hors d'oeuvres to the New York vote, the Rev Jesse Jackson won 45 per cent of the delegates in Delaware's small caucuses on Monday, compared with 27 per cent for Mr Michael Dukakis whose supporters did not organize a full-scale campaign in the state. Senatore Albert Gore won only 2 per cent.

"We'll get even in '89," shrieked yesterday's *New York Daily News* front page as the more motivated of the state's 2.3 million Democrats braved blustery weather to pass what many expected to be the decisive verdict in the race for the 1988 nomination.

The "we" referred to are the city's black Democratic leaders and the '89 date is the mayoral election – a more serious political battle in New York's affairs. The target is Mayor Edward Koch, the non-candidate whose daily assaults on Mr Jackson on behalf of the Jewish community helped turn the race into the most public racial brawl seen in America for years.

Democratic party elders are also concerned that the animosities generated between the black and Jewish communities in New York could reverberate nationally and hinder the peacemaking that must take place once the party decides on its candidate.

For Mr Jackson, who weathered the mayor's onslaught with impressive fortitude, the New York campaign "has been more divisive and violent than in any other state or region in the country". The black candidate took to going around New York in a bullet-proof raincoat or vest or sometimes both.

Jimmy Breslin, the journalistic conscience of the city, yesterday accused the mayor of "braying uncontrollably" after Mr Jackson. The New York campaign, he said, "was made lousy by one demented man".

Senator Gore learnt the dangers of being seen to pander to the Jewish and other distinct communities. Opinion polls showed his television advertising and "more pro-Israel-than-thou" attacks on his rivals backfired.

For his part, Mr Dukakis and his strategists learnt that despite their expected victory, they have a big image problem to solve before taking on Mr George Bush, the expected Republican candidate – the dullness factor.

While the Democrats drew their lessons, the Republicans gloated. "The New York race has split the Democratic Party like balsa wood," a senior Republican said.

Arafat bids emotional farewell to dead PLO commander

By Our Foreign Staff

The body of Khalil al-Wazir, the military commander of the PLO who was murdered in a raid on his home in Tunisia at the weekend, was flown to Damascus yesterday for burial in the Syrian capital.

Mr Yassir Arafat, the leader of the PLO, who will not be going to Damscus for the funeral today, bid an emotional farewell to al-Wazir, known by his *nom de guerre* Abu Jihad, as the body left Tunis.

The PLO leader spoke at brief memorial ceremonies at the airport and at a house in the Tunis suburb of La Soukra, where Abu Jihad's wreath-strewn coffin, draped in the green, white, red and black Palestinian flag, was loaded on to a military truck and driven to the airport.

In a voice cracking with emotion, Mr Arafat, dressed in a black-and-white *keffiyeh* and green battledress and accompanied amid tight security by other PLO leaders, recited the names of the organization's guerrillas assassinated over the years.

As relatives and friends sobbed uncontrollably, Abu Jihad's wife, Intissar, chanted with other mourners: "With our blood and spirit we will continue the revolution." Family members present included al-Wazir's teenage daughter, Henan, who witnessed the assassination.

But despite the scenes at Tunis airport and discreet PLO-Syrian contacts begun last year in an attempt to overcome bitter divisions between Mr Arafat and the Syrians, an announcement that Mr Arafat would not attend the funeral in Damascus appears to have ruled out a graveside reconciliation with President Assad of Syria.

Damascus said that all PLO leaders were invited to attend, but Mr Bassam Abu Sharif, an Arafat adviser, said that Mr Arafat was not going.

Al-Wazir, aged 52, was killed early on Saturday when seven commandos stormed into his home in the Tunsian capital. The PLO and the Tunisian Government have blamed Israel for the murder.

Israeli sources have privately admitted that the Mossad intelligence service and the Israeli Navy were behind the raid and the Tunisian Government said that it had filed a complaint with the United Nations Security Council after an investigating commission established Israel's involvement.

The investigation had revealed that an Israeli military Boeing 707 was about 34 miles outside Tunisian air space at the moment of the attack, and that the plane, "of the type used in the electronic war", had jammed communications in Sidi Bou Said, the northern suburb where al-Wazir lived.

President Ben Ali attacked the "flagrant, premeditated aggression against Tunisian sovereignty", and the US also condemned the assassination.

● **WARSAW:** More than 200 young Arabs, many with headdress concealing their faces, interrupted a ceremony commemorating the 45th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising (Richard Bassett writes). To the horror of Jews at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Arabs marched past waving banners demanding that the Israelis "stop the killing of Palestinians".

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Pretoria claims capture of latest Soviet weapons

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

South Africa claims to have captured Soviet-made weapons never seen before in the West during fighting over the past six months in southern Angola. A number of countries have asked to examine the captured equipment, according to General Jannie Geldenhuys, the chief of the South African Defence Force.

General Geldenhuys did not elaborate on the claim, which he made in a closed briefing for local military correspondents this week in Pretoria that also offered the first detailed official South African account of the Angolan conflict, hitherto shrouded in secrecy.

Although General Geldenhuys portrayed the SADF operations inside Angola as a serious defeat for the forces of the Luanda Government, his account amounted to at least a partial admission of failure to achieve the objectives which the South Africans are thought to have set themselves at the outset.

The general conceded that South Africa had failed to secure the strategic town of Cuito Cuanavale, and had only succeeded in "reducing the chances" that Angolan government forces might be able to launch a new offensive this year against Unita, the South African-backed Angolan rebel movement led by Dr Jonas Savimbi.

During the briefing, the SADF chief of staff, General Jan van Loggerenberg, claimed that it had never been the SADF's intention to capture Cuito Cuanavale because of the difficulties of defending it. Long-range artillery bombardment, he maintained, had rendered its airstrip useless and largely destroyed its strategic value.

Military experts here doubt this, however. They point out that an airstrip can be repaired fairly easily, and reports by journalists who have visited Cuito Cuanavale from the Angolan side say that government troops are dug in to well-fortified positions in spite of repeated South African attempts to dislodge them.

Cuito Cuanavale is considered of vital importance because it is the advance base, heavily protected by radar and mobile anti-aircraft missile sites, from which the Angolan Government, with Soviet and Cuban assistance, launched its offensive against Unita last year. Unita was saved from defeat by South African intervention.

Early this year, General Magnus Malan, the South African Defence Minister, is understood to have received a report from his staff which estimated that Cuito Cuanavale could be taken, but only by means of a direct infantry assault that would entail heavy casualties, both black and white.

During the briefing, General Geldenhuys and General van Loggerenberg made these claims:

- **South African troops in Angola had never numbered more than 3,000 (compared with the 9,000 claimed by Luanda), and at present there were "considerably" fewer than this.**
- **Since last May, the SADF had lost 31 white soldiers killed and 90 wounded, three tanks, one fighter aircraft and one light aircraft. During the same period, the Angolan Government had lost at least 4,768 men, 14 fighter aircraft, including four MiG 21s and eight MiG 23s, eight helicopters, 94 tanks, and 372 vehicles.**

No estimates were given of losses by Unita or of black casualties among the South West Africa Territory Force, which, according to some unofficial estimates, may run into several hundreds. Unita's losses are unofficially put at about 2,000.

- **Toll rises: A senior SADF officer has been killed and a non-commissioned officer has gone "missing" in "skirmishes" with members of the South West Africa People's Organization (Swapo), military headquarters in Pretoria disclosed.**

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President boosts public appearances to counter conservative challenge

Mitterrand moves his campaign into top gear

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

President Mitterrand is at large with a vengeance among the French electorate. "We cannot keep him under control," said a spokesman at his campaign headquarters.

It was an acknowledgment that, since the end of last week, M Mitterrand has increased his appearances and media interviews up and down the country before Sunday's first round of voting in the presidential election.

Although still comfortably in the lead, according to the latest opinion polls, a slight dent in that margin has meant that more vigour is needed, with an eye on the second round run-off on May 8.

Addressing 1,000 of his supporters in the arts and show-business world, M Mitterrand declared that with the end of two years of "cohabitation" between himself and M Jacques Chirac, the right-wing Prime Minister and presidential rival, he was able to breathe more easily.

"I feel better now I have declared my candidacy," he said. "I was becoming tired of having to frequent certain types of people. Never mind, it is over and we will not return to that situation."

In a radio interview yesterday, M Raymond Barre, the other conservative candidate, said he was worried about the general tone of the campaign. His rivals, he stated, had been caught up in their political party machinery and must continually smile and say everything was fine and would be even better in the future.

"There is no real debate on the major problems facing the



country. Words are thrown out — such as economy, unemployment, Europe — but there is no serious discussion. Our February trade deficit figures were the worst for 15 months but still we are told by some that the economy is doing fine."

M Barre, a respected economist himself, added that unemployment was one of the clouds hanging over people but only lip-service was paid to this problem. He touched one of the truths of this campaign when he said he had found people he had talked to apathetic, disillusioned and sufficiently cynical to not believe in promises of miracles.

Asked about his own poor showing in opinion polls, having been a front-runner early this year, he hinted at media manipulation, but refused to go further until after Sunday's voting.

He admitted he was not a crowd-puller, but his meetings had been well-attended with enthusiastic support.

The polls show, although M Barre says opinion polls can be wrong, that it is likely to be M Chirac and not M Barre who goes forward to the run-off vote against M Mitterrand. Conversely, however, it is also agreed that the President's chances of being re-elected would be much slimmer with M Barre as his opponent.

Although M Barre's staid campaign has failed to fire anyone's imagination, his credibility when he does speak is not in doubt.

M Chirac has consolidated his second place with an energetic campaign aimed at showing what a "great guy" he is. Here he has succeeded, but



M Mitterrand, right, wishing President Gemayel of Lebanon farewell in the Paris rain yesterday after talks at the Elysée.

he has not been able to dispel people's feelings that he cannot really be trusted, and M Mitterrand will play on this if M Chirac is his opponent in the run-off.

● **Jobs pledge:** M Mitterrand yesterday put the fight for jobs at the top of his agenda for the next seven years, but sought also to reassure investors of his commitment to the mixed economy (Reuter reports). The President wrote in the daily *Le Monde*: "I do not accept the idea that we can accept rising unemployment, or resign ourselves to the social divisions which it produces." During the President's term in the Elysée Palace from 1981, unemployment has increased by 780,000. But the jobless total, at 2.58 million — 10.5 per cent of the workforce in February — has fallen slightly from the record 2.67 million in March last year.

Snap Danish election to resolve threat to Nato over nuclear policy



Mr Schluter: Testing Nato commitment of Denmark.

From Christopher Follett
Copenhagen

A week of domestic political tension over Denmark's Nato policies culminated yesterday in a snap general election being called for May 10 by Mr Poul Schluter, the Conservative Prime Minister.

The political crisis started last Thursday when the coalition Government was defeated in an opposition motion to tighten Denmark's peacetime ban on nuclear weapons.

"We consider that the resolution endangers Denmark's membership of Nato and we fear that its consequence will be to isolate us from our allies. Therefore we feel that it is necessary to ask the electorate for their views on Denmark's continued full membership of the Western Alliance," Mr Schluter told the *Folketing* (parliament).

He said that if the resolution was enforced it would make it impossible for Britain to continue naval visits to Denmark. It is also believed that exercises here of the 14,000-strong British mobile force, which would reinforce Denmark in a crisis, would be jeopardized.

The motion tabled by the opposition Social Democrats called on the Government to remind foreign warships not to carry nuclear arms in Danish waters. It was passed after a stormy debate by 75 votes to 58 in the 179-seat parliament.

The reaction of Denmark's allies was unequivocal. Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, expressed "deep distress" over the implications for Nato unity and co-operation.

"The US has a long-standing policy neither to confirm nor deny the presence of nuclear weapons aboard its ships. This policy is central to the US ability to fulfill its Nato commitments, we are not going to change it," Mr Shultz said.

Meeting in Brussels on Friday, Nato's supreme body, the North Atlantic Council, also expressed grave concern. The US and British ambassadors told the closed-door meeting that their warships would not respond to any such call.

Lord Carrington, Nato's Secretary-General, said: "If the *Folketing* resolution were implemented in such a way that it interfered with the long-standing co-operative and interlocking defence interests of the alliance, this would have serious consequences."

Nato diplomats have made a comparison with the United States dispute with New Zealand, which sought guarantees that visiting ships were free of atomic weapons. Washington broke off defence co-operation with Wellington, rupturing the Anzus defence pact.

Analysts say that the Danish dispute is more serious as Denmark's position at the entrance to the Baltic makes it crucial to Western defence.

Although the tightening of Denmark's ban on nuclear weapons does not call for actual guarantees from Allied warships, it goes beyond Denmark's line since 1957 of "assuming" that visiting naval vessels respect Danish policy.

Since Mr Schluter's Government came to power in 1982, it has enjoyed a parliamentary majority on economic policy while finding itself in the minority on defence. It has been defeated 23 times on defence issues by the Social Democrats abetted by the far-left Socialist People's Party and the Radical Liberals.

The Social Democrats, who appointed Mr Svend Auken, a former Minister of Labour, as their new leader last autumn, are basically pro-Nato. But since going into opposition in 1982, after eight years in power, the party, Denmark's biggest with 54 seats in the outgoing *Folketing*, has performed erratically, moving increasingly to the left.

The four-party coalition, which was returned to power at last September's elections, has had a difficult ride in the deeply-divided Folketing in recent months. Cooperation with the Social Democrats has ground to a standstill.

Defence is an unusual theme for an election here — not since 1929 have Danes gone to the polls over security. The latest opinion poll on Nato, carried out by Gallup a year ago, showed 59 per cent in favour of Denmark's membership and only 20 per cent opposed.

Border guard defects to West

Hamburg (Reuter) — An officer of the East German border guards defected to West Germany yesterday by scaling fortifications in Lower Saxony.

The second lieutenant, aged 22, in uniform but unarmed, cited political and economic reasons for his defection. He was the second border guard to have defected to Lower Saxony this year.

In Berlin, an office cleaner used a home-made ladder to escape to West Berlin over border walls. The man told police he had heard a series of shots as he scaled the last wall.

Braun auction

Munich (Reuter) — The last letter of Adolf Hitler's lover Eva Braun, in which she distributed jewellery among her family and friends days before killing herself, will be auctioned this week. The starting prices for the letter and for Braun's passport, will be 5,000 marks (£1,600) each.

Fasting death

Colombo — Mrs Kanapathi Pillai Pupathi, who staged a hunger strike to demand a ceasefire between Tamil rebels and the Indian peacekeeping force in Sri Lanka died in Batticoloa after a 30-day fast.

Lakes suffer

Helsinki (Reuter) — The Finnish Environment Ministry said that pollution from the Soviet Union was damaging Finnish lakes.

Rebel ambush

Rangoon (Reuter) — Three women were killed and seven people wounded when ethnic Karen rebels ambushed three vehicles in Mon state.

Peking pop

Peking (Reuter) — China's national radio station will begin a weekly programme of Western pop music.

Curfew lifted

Lagos (Reuter) — Nigeria has lifted a curfew imposed on Jos after rioting against fuel price rises killed six people.



Prospects for arms deal

US looks towards a second summit

From Richard Owen, Brussels

Senior American and Nato officials said the prospects for a strategic arms agreement at the superpower summit in Moscow — now just over a month away — were less than 50 per cent.

After high-level US-European consultations at Nato yesterday, they said a further meeting between President Reagan and Mr Mikhail Gorbachov later in the year might be necessary. A final meeting before Mr Reagan relinquishes the presidency was "very much an option".

"It is simply not true that President Reagan wants a dramatic deal at any price in May because this is his last summit," one senior source said. "We are not slowing down as this presidency moves to an end, quite the reverse. Frankly, the pace is exhausting."

The superpowers are conducting business on a daily basis after years of confrontation, and may be moving towards joint efforts to control regional conflicts — including those in the Middle East — after the Soviet Union's commitment to start its withdrawal from Afghanistan on May 15, senior US officials told Nato during a briefing on tomorrow's visit to Moscow by Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State.

The sources said that the Nato summit last month has strengthened the West's hand, by resolving the question of modernizing nuclear weapons after the INF deal removing intermediate-range nuclear weapons from Europe.

The officials welcomed moves in Europe towards a common defence policy through the Western European Union, which ended a two-day ministerial meeting in The Hague yesterday by inviting Spain and Portugal to apply to join the seven-nation body. As the superpowers reduced weapons levels the Europeans must "shoulder more of the Western defence burden", officials said.

Mr Shultz will have talks tomorrow in Moscow with Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, to try to iron out the remaining differences on arms control, human rights and regional problems.

The Nato Council was briefed yesterday on the Shultz mission and summit prospects by Mr Paul Nitze, President Reagan's special adviser on arms control, and Mrs Rosanne Ridgeway, the Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs. Mr Shultz will brief Nato on Monday on the outcome of his talks. Washington has hitherto regarded the WEU with suspicion in case it undermines Nato. But US officials said theWEU had American approval if it strengthened the Western alliance.

It had provided an umbrella for European nations such as Britain, The Netherlands and Belgium to join the US in patrolling the Gulf, sources said. Officials said Mr Shultz would press Mr Shevardnadze on Mr Gorbachov's recent remark that the Afghan settlement could pave the way for a resolution of other regional conflicts. Mr Gorbachov had made encouraging remarks on the Arab-Israeli dispute. But the Russians were still pouring resources into Nicaragua and (via Cuba) Angola, where the Cuban troop presence had increased.

On the prospects for an agreement at Geneva on strategic arms before the Moscow summit, sources said much progress had been made. But obstacles still remained over verifying reductions of mobile missiles, and over whether a deal should be linked to space defences, as Moscow wanted.

The Russians had also raised unnecessary difficulties over the semantic difference between "monitoring" and "inspecting", even though the INF deal had provided adequate precedents.

Even Mr Gorbachov had accused his own negotiators in Geneva of "setting fire to wet wood so that both sides would be blinded by the smoke", one senior official said. The Soviet tactic appeared to be deliberately to stall the talks until Moscow was satisfied with all the details, and this could take the negotiations into the next US presidency.

Washington — Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, has sent a letter to the Reagan Administration supporting its contention that the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty would ban any future development of exotic non-nuclear weapons, such as lasers, in the intermediate category (Michael Binyon writes).

Several senators, asserting that the treaty left a loophole that would permit such development, are threatening to withhold their support for its ratification. The Administration has argued that no such development would be allowed and Moscow has now endorsed that position. But Senator Sam Nunn, chairman of the armed services committee, said he was not satisfied with the letter, which did not resolve the problem.

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Mujahidin mark accord with attacks near Kabul

From Edward Gorman, Peshawar

Mujahidin guerrillas have stepped up military pressure on the Afghan capital, Kabul, since last week's signing of the peace accords in Geneva which allow for a Soviet withdrawal, Western diplomats said yesterday.

Diplomats in Islamabad also report mounting evidence of preparations by Soviet forces to leave Jalalabad, the provincial capital of Nangarhar province close to the Pakistan border, and unsuccessful attempts by the communist regime to persuade leading resistance commanders to join the Government after recent elections to the National Assembly.

The diplomats, quoting colleagues in the Afghan capital, say the week saw the most intense fighting for more than a year to the north, south and west of the city, with much of the military action visible for from central Kabul.

Among several detailed accounts, the diplomats describe "an intense fire-fight" on the Paghman plain, to the west of Kabul, on the evening of April 14 – the day the accords were signed. "At approximately 7.30pm an intense fire-fight involving heavy machine guns, artillery and rockets was observed from Kabul over much of the Paghman plain and into the hills to the west."

The diplomats added that Soviet helicopters moved out from the airport towards the battle zone but did not go beyond the city limits, "apparently reflecting concern about Mujahidin anti-aircraft capability, even at night".

To the south, on the same evening, "heavy machine gun fire (as indicated by tracers), artillery flashes, rocket launches and impacts were observed ... for more than an hour." With fighting also reported to the north in the Shaka Darreh area of the Shomali plain, the diplomats convey the impression that resistance pressure on the city has significantly increased.

Meanwhile, the diplomats note growing evidence that Jalalabad may be the first provincial capital from which Soviet troops will be evacuated. They cite the recent closure of the Indian Consulate in the city amid concern by the Indians for the safety of the facility and its staff. The added comment: "The withdrawal coincides with rumours sourced to East European and Indian diplomats that Soviet troops soon will be withdrawn from the Jalalabad area."

Elections to the new National Assembly were concluded last week with the regime claiming participation by 1½ million voters, though the diplomats quote Eastern European observers as saying that numbers were in fact far lower and that the electoral process was marked by irregularities.

Western diplomats predict that the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA) will take about 25 per cent of the votes, "thus guaranteeing a cosmetic PDPA minority role in the powerless National Assembly".

The election had been promoted as part of President Najibullah's national reconciliation drive, with one quarter of the seats left open for opposition and Mujahidin representatives.

In a significant development, the diplomats report approaches by Dr Najibullah to the leading resistance commander in Herat, Mr Ismail Khan. The commander was reportedly offered the post of Prime Minister in the new government. The offer was rejected.

Resistance sources in Peshawar say that similar unsuccessful approaches were made to Mr Ahmed Shah Massoud, the leading commander in the Panjshir area.

In other developments, the diplomats noted that Moscow has increased its airlift of military supplies to Kabul.

Geneva – The Iran-based Alliance of Islamic Revolution, which claims to represent 100,000 Mujahidin, said it would, in principle, be well disposed towards UN military observers charged with monitoring the Geneva accords. But leaders of the alliance said that any co-operation with the Government was excluded.

Letter from Peshawar

Refugees' plight close to home

He spotted me as soon as I turned the corner of Gulmohar Road. You could tell immediately what he was after, because instead of coming straight over, he moved quickly to his left and picked up a tiny baby boy, squatting in the dust and sucking on his fingers.

When he reached me, he held the baby up and muttered: *"Paisa bedeh: piasa bedeh."* In Dari this means "give me money" and I understood that in his shame he was trying to say: "It's not for me; it's for him."

His name was Joma, and this was his fourth day in Pakistan. Statistically he is now "one of the estimated three million refugees in Pakistan": His arrival, however, on the day that the Geneva peace accords on Afghanistan were signed, proved – if proof were needed – that the refugees are still coming and the horrors of war in Afghanistan have not abated.

Like many newcomers Joma has no cash, no food, and no shelter. He spent his last Afghan money on the bus bringing him down from the border. He headed for Peshawar because that's where he was told his chances of getting help would be greatest. Now he is camping out next to the old Khyber Express railway tracks outside my house.

Joma has never heard of Geneva. He had no idea, until I explained to him through my interpreter Malang, that the Russians had agreed to leave Afghanistan. He merely shrugged his shoulders and expressed the hope that at least this might mean that he could go back soon.

After talking to him, it became clear that Joma had taken the momentous decision to leave his village not on an impulse after a particularly traumatic event – though I later discovered that the village had last been bombed only four months ago – but after months of agonizing. He and his family had simply had enough.

During the past 10 years the village had been bombed 10 times – he estimated that nearly half of the population had been killed – and Russian and Afghan troops had looted it five times for animals and for young men for the Army. For two years he had been trying to cultivate his small acreage while living in the ruins of his house.

Now his possessions amount to four hessian bags, cut and hung in a square between trees, a few blankets and a blackened old teapot. While we talked, his young wife, observing purdah, stayed under the trees hidden from view, comforting the chesty little boy, whose name was Zikrullah, and his three-year-old sister, Salima.

But Joma, aged 35, who comes from Takhar in northern Afghanistan and has the almost Mongolian features of the Tajik tribe, had done more than his fair share. With him on the three-month journey through the snows over the mountains of the Hindu Kush he had brought his best friend's widow.

She was too ashamed to tell us her name, but gradually, with Malang's careful prompting, she told us her story. Her husband and three sons – the eldest was 20 – had all been killed on that day four months ago during the most recent bombing raid on the village.

She was 40, in a long flowing purple dress with deep brown eyes and long black, plaited hair. Like Joma, she had never even been out of her province before, let alone Afghanistan. This was the worst experience of her life.

"Even when I lost all my family in the bombing," she said, "I was not as sad as I have been in the last four days. We are in a very bad situation. We don't have a tent for shelter, no food to eat or water to drink, and no place to stay."

She also had never heard of Geneva. When Malang told her of it, she just ran the strange name around in her mouth, playing with the sounds.

Malang drew his own conclusion. "She is a calamity-stricken woman," he said. "This man will have to look after her and feed her for the rest of her life – he has to do this."

As I write, they remain in front of the house. The gatekeepers are under strict instructions to keep them supplied with food, tea and blankets until the relief agencies – whose headquarters are all around them – finally get round to coping with these most recent arrivals.

Edward Gorman

Queen flies in for bicentenary tour

From Christopher Morris
Perth

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh arrived in Western Australia last night after a 23-hour flight from London in which their aircraft had to pass over the Gulf War zone within hours of the clashes between American and Iranian naval forces.

The royal plane, which left Heathrow at midday on Monday, landed at Bahrain to refuel not long after US Navy warships and helicopters had set ablaze two of Iran's oil rigs.

An officer of the Royal Australian Air Force, which flew the royal couple here in a Boeing 707, said: "The air crew were kept informed of all developments in the fighting, but the plane did not divert from its planned course."

The Queen and Duke showed no sign of tiredness asnearly 1,000 people greeted them enthusiastically at Perth airport and a 21-gun salute signalled the start of the Bicentenary tour – their 11th of Australia.

They were met by Sir Ninian Stephen, the Governor-General, Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, and Mr Peter Dowding, Premier of Western Australia.

The Queen made an unscheduled walkabout where she was offered – but refused – a toy corgi wrapped in a Union flag. Western Australia has a large population of British immigrants and many of those at the airport were of British descent. Canberra had been expected last week to call for a referendum on constitutional changes, including the abolition of the Queen's power to veto federal legislation. But when details of the referendum were disclosed there was no mention of a reduction in the monarch's powers. With all the members of the Royal Family due to visit Australia this year, it seems her position as head of state remains secure. From the airport the royal couple were driven to the Swan River, Egerton Stud home of Mr John Roberts, the construction chief, 15 miles outside Perth, where they will stay for two days. On Thursday they will move to Government House and start the first of 49 Royal engagements on the tour. They are to spend five days in Western Australia. The Queen will also open the new Parliament House in Canberra. Security for the tour is noticeably heavy. Five-hundred federal and state police were on duty for last night's arrival.



The Queen receiving bouquets as she arrived in Perth for her 11th tour of Australia.

British minister hits at BBC over profile of Gandhi

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

A British minister visiting Delhi has made a bitter attack against a BBC *Panorama* television programme about Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister.

Lord Glenarthur, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, told a private dinner held by Mr Ghulam Nabi Azad, a general secretary of the ruling Congress (I) party, that the programme was "throughly bad". The minister added: "I am sorry it went out as it did. I am not surprised that it caused resentment here. It was unbalanced. It was grossly unfair."

The programme caused considerable offence in India. It drew attention to Mr Gandhi's career as an airline pilot and then continued a flying metaphor through various criticisms of his leadership. Film of a royal wedding in India was contrasted with crowds of vultures and references to India's long drought. Opposition figures were invited to address the cameras.

After a protest about the programme by the Indian High Commission in London, a visit by Mr Paul Channon, the Transport Secretary, was cancelled by Delhi, and relations became distinctly frosty.

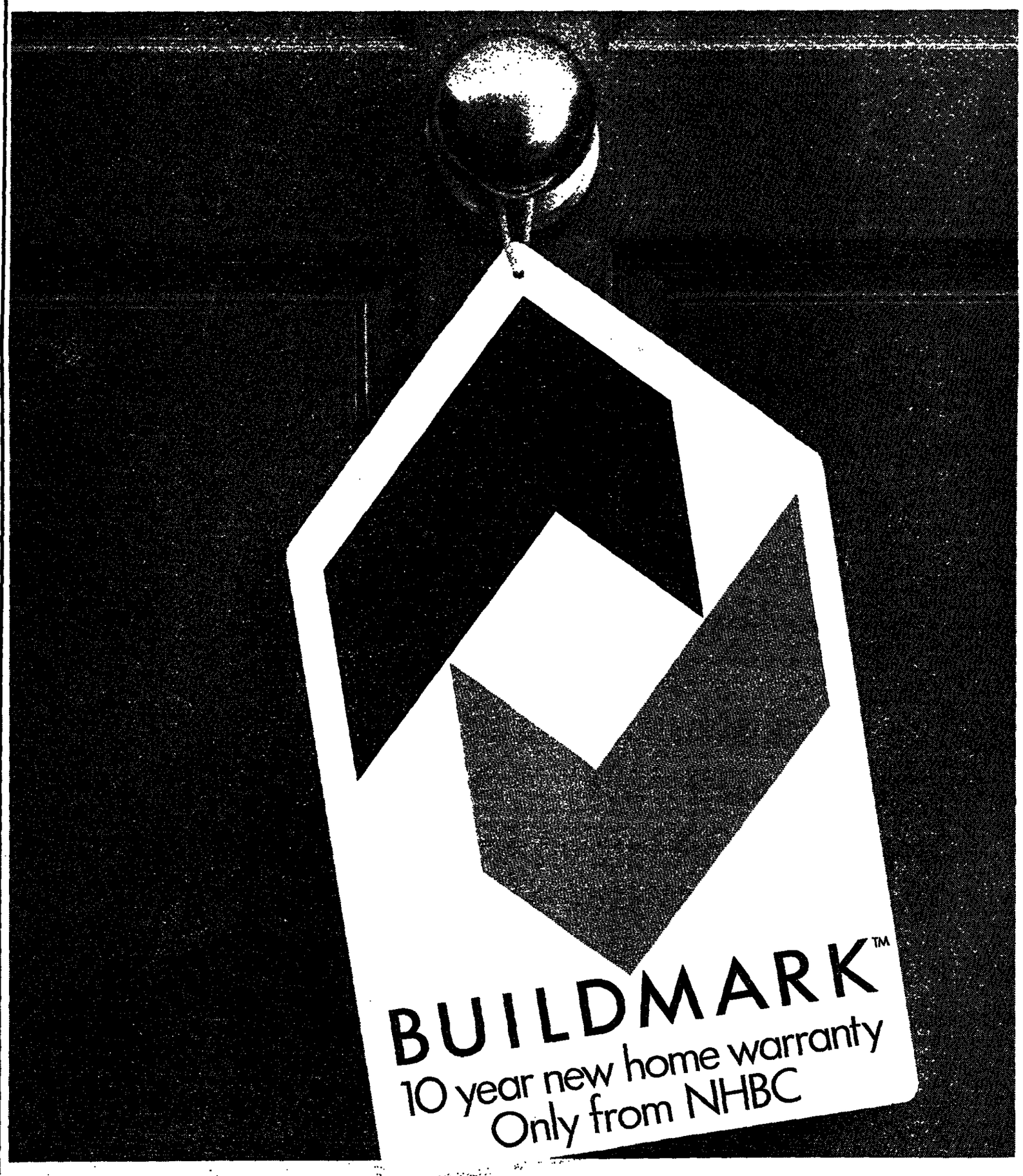
Lord Glenarthur said that, by some accounts, the BBC producer breached his understandings with the Indian side. "Your Government was absolutely right to complain to the BBC, and I am glad that their management responded to your concerns," he said, adding that "programmmes like this one undermine the efforts of all of us who are working to promote better relations between us".

Lord Glenarthur also addressed another cause of worsening relations between London and Delhi by promising that extra money would be spent on bringing more Indian students to British universities.

"Some extra money will be available immediately for the current financial year," he said. "And it will grow quickly over the next three years to approximately £1 million of new money for India alone in 1990-91."

The steep increase in overseas students' fees at British universities while Mrs Thatcher has been Prime Minister has caused deep resentment here, and is largely responsible for a swing away from British education among the middle classes in favour of the US.

It has meant that the new moneyed class has been growing away from the close links that had existed with Britain, and it is hoped that Lord Glenarthur's announcement will help alter this trend.



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New Tory move to lessen poll tax impact

A further Conservative backbench move to lessen the impact of the community charge on the less well off in the community was made when the report stage of the Local Government Finance Bill was resumed in the Commons.

Mr Patrick Cormack (South Staffordshire, C) moved two new clauses to exempt from the community charge those over 80 and those on income support.

He said that he had never voted in favour of the community charge, nor would he ever do so, but the task now for those who opposed it was to remove its sting, try to make it more fair and remove those aspects that caused most concern.

Many Conservative MPs who had voted for the Government and against the banding amendment by Mr Michael Mates (East Hampshire, C) yesterday had said privately that they supported the amendment in spirit.

"I would hazard a guess that if there were such a thing as a secret ballot in this House, the result last night would have been rather different."

Mrs Thatcher had made a speech in the House in October 1969, when the Conservative Party was campaigning for those aged over 80 to be given full pension rights, even though they had made no contributions. She had said: "There comes a time when a principle has to be abandoned if the reality of the situation is such that some people are suffering hardship".

That principle remained good now. Many of those over 80 lived with their children or grandchildren, who might find the costs prohibitive if they had to pay the poll tax.

There would be help for some, but it would not be complete exemption and some would have to pay the full amount.

If such people could not look after themselves and had to go into some kind of care, the cost to public funds would be infinitely greater than any concession the Government might make on his amendment.

The Government had gone to considerable trouble to try to ensure that those for whom the poll tax would be a real imposition were cushioned from the blow.

"But you do not have to be a great student of these matters nor do you have to read every line of the committee *Hansards* to realize that the system which has been devised with skill and care is nevertheless exceptionally complicated, very difficult to understand."

Even the extra welcome concession made last Thursday was so complicated that he had been stopped over the weekend, not by people of low intelligence, and asked precisely what it meant. There was merit in simplicity.

If anyone had suggested a uniform domestic rate, they would have been laughed out of court. Now they were being confronted not on a property base but on a personal base with precisely that recommendation.

"It is for that simple reason and because I believe that it flies in the face of a long and honourable tradition of Conservative social policy that I just cannot go along with this Bill."

Most, if not all, of the most needy qualified for income support. It would be a very simple and proper gesture if all of those people were taken out of liability for the tax, instead of making them quake at the thought of forms and devising the most elaborate system to try to bring their contributions down to 20 per cent or even helping some of them with that.

"We are in danger of creating a society where those who are the least able to fend for themselves are not accorded the same degree of recognition and regard as those who by their efforts and by their ability prosper and progress." Conservatives had a particular duty to consider those people.

"I would implore the minister to consider a little more this particular group, those who are the most needy in our society." Why not just say that they deserved to have some extra help? Take them out of the tax.

He did not think these amendments would make perfect what he considered to be a bad tax, but he did believe they would help enormously. It would be popular in the country and, more important, it would be right.

It would show there had been a clear recognition of these deserving groups. Of course anomolies would remain, but, in a spirit of true compromise, one particular nettle would have been grasped.

He hoped that the minister would feel that there was justice, reason and real purpose in what he was seeking to do.

Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab) asked what estimate had been made by the Department of the Environment of the extra number of court administrators that would be required as a result of this legislation.

Mr Edward Leigh (Gainsborough and Horncastle, C) said that he sympathized with Mr Cormack's caring attitude, but could not go along with what he had said.

They should not force those with slender means into a sort of sub-culture where they were given money by society and not asked to make any contribution. Surely it was better to ask people to make a modest contribution towards the community charge and, if necessary, to give them money to enable them to pay that.

Then the message would be: We want to involve you in society and in decision making. There was a danger in saying, instead, to whole sections of the community: Thou shalt not pay. He would rather deal with these groups through the rebate system.

Mr Terry Davis (Birmingham, Hodge Hill, Lab) spoke on a linked group of Labour amendments affecting remand prisoners and the disabled.

He said that under the Bill, those in prison were exempt from poll tax, but those remanded in custody were not. If a person was found guilty and sent to jail, his poll tax bill during his period of remand was cancelled, but if he was found not guilty and set free, he was still liable for the tax accumulated during his period in custody.

This was a ridiculous anomaly and the Labour amendment would correct it by exempting from the tax all those remanded in custody.

The Bill also exempted those who were severely mentally disabled, but not those who were severely physically disabled. A Labour amendment would remove this discrimination by exempting all those who were severely disabled, whether mentally or physically.



Touch of chaos in the House

The Government tabled a Common motion last night about the incident in which Mr Ronald Brown, Labour MP for Edinburgh, Leith, is said to have thrown the Mace to the floor of the chamber at the end of Monday's sitting.

Mr Brown (above right, with the Speaker) was called to make a personal statement of apology after question time and repeatedly started to use words which were not in the statement agreed privately between him and the Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill.

At one point he said that he would not read the grovelling statement and later commented that he had not written "this rubbish".

Mr John Wakeham, Leader of the Commons, announcing that a motion would be tabled, said: "This is a serious matter, made worse by the events in the chamber today".

When he was called to make his personal statement, *Mr Brown* said: Mr Speaker, I am to make a statement regarding an incident last evening and the press and media have made much of it.

The Speaker: He must make the statement which has been agreed with me.

Mr Brown: I can agree many things if I apologize.

The Speaker: Order. What he is now about to do quite correctly is laid down in our standing orders. He must make the personal statement he has agreed with me.

Mr Brown: With respect, Mr Speaker, in this place (laughter and protests).

The Speaker: Mr Brown has agreed a statement which he wishes to read.

Mr Brown shook his head.

The Speaker: If he does not wish to make it to the House, that puts a totally different complexion on it.

Mr Brown: It is true that last evening an incident happened and I was involved (laughter and protests).

The Speaker: Whatever private advice Mr Brown may have received, I must abide by standing orders. If he wishes to make a personal statement — I hope he does — it must be in the form which has been agreed with me. I give him an opportunity to do that. Otherwise, I am afraid that I may have to take other action.

Mr Brown: If I can just say to you . . . (loud protests and shouts of "No")

The Speaker: If he wants to come and say anything to me he must do so privately after making his statement.

Mr Donald Dixon, a Labour whip, who had been sitting close by, was speaking forcefully to Mr Brown, using a finger to emphasize his points.

The Speaker said that Mr Brown must make his personal statement "now and without qualification".

Mr Brown: Mr Speaker, I grovel, grovel.

Conservative MPs: No.

The Speaker: This is not a personal statement (laughter).

Mr Brown then sought permission to quote and apparently read a statement, much of which was inaudible in the Press Gallery, but he was heard to say that he did not know who the Mace was, but he apologized to the Speaker. He accepted responsibility for any damage that was sustained by the Mace.

"I did not write this rubbish".

Conservative MPs: Out, Out.

Mr Brown: That is the agreed statement.

The Speaker: I regret to say that I do not regard that as a personal statement by Mr Brown. I must ask him to leave the chamber while I consider carefully what further action I must take on the matter.

Mr Brown tried again to speak, but the *Speaker* repeated his request that he should leave, adding "Otherwise, I shall be forced to name him".

Mr Brown then made to leave through the door just behind where he had been sitting and was pushed by Mr Dixon, who followed him out.

After Mr Brown left the chamber, *Mr Robert Cryer* (Bradford South, Lab) asked whether the motion being tabled by the Government would be debatable.

The Speaker said that it would certainly be debatable. There could be no further points of order, he said, as the matter would be debated on Wednesday.

Danish decision under fire

There were far-reaching implications for the whole of Nato policy in the recent decision of the Danish Parliament on nuclear weapons, Mrs Thatcher said during Prime Minister's question time.

Mr Robin Squire (Hornchurch, C) had asked her to confirm that the resolution passed on April 14 in the Danish Parliament on ship visits was not compatible with Britain's long-standing policy of neither confirming nor denying whether British ships were carrying nuclear weapons.

Mrs Thatcher: Yes, that resolution — very similar to a New Zealand one — has very far-reaching implications for Nato policy.

The Danish Folketing passed a resolution that nuclear weapons were not welcome, even on ships in harbours in Denmark. That means, because of our policy neither to confirm nor to deny the presence of nuclear weapons on ships, that ships cannot visit or practice reinforcement exercises.

Support for Zola Budd

It was repugnant that so much effort had gone into stopping Zola Budd from competing, Mrs Thatcher said during question time.

Mr John Carlisle (Luton North, C) asked the Prime Minister to make contact with the British Amateur Athletics Board and invite it to reject the recommendation of the International Athletics Federation that Zola Budd should be banned.

Mrs Thatcher: We subscribe to the Gleneagles Agreement, but a number of us find it repugnant that so much effort is now used to stop a young woman from competing.

US action wins praise

Mrs Thatcher again took an opportunity at question time to express her full support for United States action in the Gulf.

Mr Christopher Mullin (Sunderland South, Lab) had asked: May we take it that she is now in favour of persons who blow up oil rigs?

Mrs Thatcher: I am in favour of action against those who lay mines and of people acting under Article 51 of the UN Charter and not letting people get away with suddenly causing extra trouble in what should be a free international seaway. I fully support the United States.

Tribute paid to peer

The House of Lords paid tribute to **Lady Lane-Fox**, the Conservative peer who died earlier this week and who had been confined to a wheelchair.

Lady Masham of Ilton, who took over a question tabled by Lady Lane-Fox in the House of Lords, described her as a "courageous and splendid person".

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Environment. Local Government Finance Bill, report, third day.
Lords (2.30): Debate on public transport and traffic congestion. Protection of Official Information (No 2) Bill, second reading.

Joseph 'supports our reforms'

EDUCATION

The "one or two concerns" voiced by Lord Joseph in the House of Lords about the Education Reform Bill were certainly something that the Government would be taking note of, Mrs Angela Rumbold, Minister of State, Education and Science, told MPs during Commons questions.

She said that she had listened with great care and attention to his speech yesterday and had got no impression that he was anything but highly supportive of the Government proposals.

She was responding to Mr Jack Straw, chief Opposition spokesman on education, who asked how ministers were going to meet Lord Joseph's view that the national curriculum was a straitjacket and too prescriptive. The arrogant dismissal of Lord Joseph as someone who lacked understanding would do no more for the reputation of ministers than yesterday's performance on the poll tax.

Earlier, Mr Allan Roberts (Bootle, Lab) asked if Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State, would take account of Lord Joseph's views on the national curriculum, that teachers would be testing pupils on too many subjects and that this would not allow time for other important subjects in the curriculum.


Mrs Rumbold: Lord Joseph's concerns noted

If Mr Baker could not convince the Prime Minister of his point of view on that, would she listen to the person whose protégée she was?

Mrs Rumbold said that she had noted Lord Joseph's concerns about the children who fell into the categories of not attaining as high a level as the high fliers.

She was also quite certain that as the debate proceeded within the Lords, and Lord Joseph learnt of the details Mr Baker had proposed, he would find and respond to the breadth and balance proposed within the national curriculum.

He would also note the differentiation proposed in the test of the attainment targets.

Sir Peter Emery (Honiton, C) asked if she would draw to the attention of the school authorities the desire of many people that schools should start with an assembly in class with a short Christian service such as was held in the House of Commons.

There could be a prayer and Bible reading, the Lord's Prayer and if possible the singing of a hymn to start the school day.

Mrs Rumbold said that, as far as possible, the churches and the schools were agreed that there should be some form of assembly within the schools. It was not always possible for that form of assembly to start at the beginning of the day, however desirable that might be.

Mr Timothy Raison (Aylesbury, C) asked if the Government would respond sympathetically, bearing in mind Mr Baker's admirable interest in English history, if there was a move in the Lords to allow history to join the three core subjects in the curriculum.

Mrs Rumbold: British history is something we shall be expecting the working group on history to be looking at and giving due weight and attention to when it comes to the setting up of attainment targets.

Mr Harry Greenway (Ealing North, C) said that children would only be stressed by testing if these were excessively formally conducted and unrelated to the work they had been doing.

Would she give an assurance that tests for children would be related to their curriculum very closely and conducted in an informal atmosphere?

Mrs Rumbold: I can assure him that is just what is going to be the case.

Protection for academic staff

More concessions pledged

HOUSE OF LORDS

The Government promised further concessions in the Education Reform Bill to prevent the victimization of academic staff because of their views.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, sought to assure peers that the Government believed that academic freedom was a vital element in the higher education system.

Most of the peers taking part in the second day of the Bill's second reading debate, however, spoke of the dangers of the provisions to the independence of Britain's universities.

The debate was preceded by the presentation of a petition by the **Earl of Halsbury** (Ind) — believed to be a unique event — on behalf of leading academics calling on peers to reject proposals for the state control of universities. The petition also urged the Government to reinstate academic tenure as a bulwark of academic freedom and to resist all attempts to undermine the long and distinguished tradition of autonomy of Britain's universities and colleges.

Opening the second day's debate, **Lord Mackay** said that he could not accept the contention that the powers of the Secretary of State were inappropriate.

The proposed Universities Funding Council would disburse about £2.5 billion a year. It could not be argued that the Government on behalf of taxpayers had no rights in how it was distributed.

The Bill in no way gave universities a free licence to dismiss people nor was there anything in the Bill that would enable academics to be dismissed on account of their views.

But the Government had not closed its ears or its minds to the views on the issue and it would consider appropriate procedures to give reassurance.

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, leader of the SLD peers and Chancellor of Oxford University, said that, considering the Bill, he was extremely doubtful that Britain would have universities of a foremost world class by the end of the century.

There was a convention that peers did not destroy important Bills that had the weight of an elected Government behind them.

But he could not interpret that as meaning that debates in the Lords should concern themselves only or principally with the margins of issues or that the peers should muzzle themselves.

Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, the former Prime Minister, said that the Secretary of State should delay the Bill for 12 months. Then it would not give the appearance of a "party dogfight".

Today's children were being better educated, but he was not complacent and standards were still not high enough. The revolution in information technology had overtaken present demands for better educated people. But the proposals in the Bill did little to help.

Government flagship 'is badly holed'

The following report of the Commons debate on the first day of the report stage of the Local Government Finance Bill appeared in later editions yesterday.

The Government's majority fell to 25 at the end of the debate on a Conservative backbench proposal to introduce a banding system for the community charge.

A new clause moved by Mr Michael Mates (East Hampshire, C), at the start of the report stage, was rejected by 320 votes to 295.

After the vote, ministers sat and laughed without replying when **Mr Neil Kinnock**, Leader of the Opposition, demanded a statement of the Government's future intentions about poll tax.

He said: It is clear that the flagship is badly holed and sinking.

Earlier, Mr Mates, opening the debate on his new clause, said that the Conservatives had promised to replace the rating system with a tax based on ability to pay, and that was why he was introducing his proposal for a banding system for the community charge, based on the level of income tax paid.

He said that this was going to be a Tory tax. His sole anxiety was that it should be seen to be fair.

Mr Mates, moving the new clause at the start of the report stage of the Local Government Finance Bill, said that, during the second reading debate, the Secretary of State for the Environment (Mr Nicholas Ridley) had challenged Conservative MPs, if they had a better idea, to produce it and he had said that any such idea would be considered.

Mr Ridley had been true to his word. He and his officials had looked at this and then said: Thank you very much, we do not like it. Mr Ridley had said that the new clause was unsatisfactory because it produced a sudden and painful earnings trap.

Ministers claimed that £1 of increased income at the level of £22,000 a year would produce an increased liability of £600 on community charge. If that was the case, they had failed in the whole objective of the legislation, which was to prevent by increasing accountability high-spending councils levelling enormous community charges.

The argument must be conducted about the average increase, and not an extreme increase. A few pounds of extra income at the level of £22,000 a year would produce an increased community charge liability of £85.

The collection of the charge had been exercising the minds of many who had looked at his scheme. He had tried to follow precisely the Government scheme and the same registration would apply. The same form would be sent by local authorities to every person liable, so that there would be no increased bureaucracy or complexity.

"I propose that three more questions should be asked." They were:

- Do you pay income tax? If the answer was "No", the assessment would be for 50 per cent of community charge.
- The second was: Do you pay at standard rate? If the answer was "Yes", the assessment would be the standard rate.
- The third would be: Do you pay at higher rate? and if the answer was "Yes", then the community charge assessment would be at 150 per cent.

There would be problems for those moving between the standard and higher rates, but there would only be a few people affected. There were only 9 per cent in the upper band. That was a complication, but it was a complicated system already.

There would be opportunities for evasion, but there would be no more opportunities in his scheme than in the Government's. It would be a difficult tax to collect and the Government had conceded that. But the difficulties were inherent in the Government's scheme, not in his proposals.

He was introducing the proposal "because originally we said that was what we were going to do. And when we started on this difficult reform of a complex, out-dated and unfair system, we said we would abolish the rates and we would replace them with a tax more broadly based and based on people's ability to pay."

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, replying to Mr Mates, said that the Government's solution was based on two principles.

First, nearly everyone would contribute at least a little to local revenues so that all could participate in democracy locally. Second, the charge was based on people's ability to pay, without detracting from the first principle of accountability.


Mr Michael Mates: Tax must be seen to be fair

Locally determined taxes, based in any way on the national income-tax system, were all unsuitable as a method of raising money from local people, even for part of the cost of local services. A local income tax, or a variant of it, would diminish local accountability.

To graft a system of local charging on to taxable incomes would require local authorities not only to compile a register of people having their sole or main residence in each area, but also to establish what their incomes were, or at least what band of income they fell into for Mr Mates's scheme.

Income tax took no account of need; it merely took a slice of the means. Basing any local system on income tax was bound to be unfair on the less well off.

The community charge in England would provide only about a quarter of the total cost of local services, while about half the cost would come from Government grants, paid for out of progressive national taxation.

The proposal relating to one-and-a-half times the community charge would only raise about £200 million. That would be sufficient to cut the basic community charge by only about 10p a week for those on the ordinary rate of charge.

The Government had looked very carefully at Mr Mates's scheme and had found it genuinely wanting in very many respects.

Mr Michael Heseltine (Henley, C) said that he would support the Mates amendment.

No one had suggested that the poll tax was the perfect system, but it met the political priority of making people feel the consequences of high expenditure policies and that had overridden all the other political disadvantages which had previously proved decisive.

"The problem is that, from the moment the proposals appeared, the unacceptably regressive nature of those proposals have forced concession after concession, until today we are left with only a few of the proclaimed advantages and all the self-evident disadvantages."

The proposals in the amendment were complex, but it was not Mr Mates who had thought up a system that would require forms to be sent to 35 million people.

Peers will strongly oppose the abolition of Ilea

The following report of the first day of the Lords debate on the second reading of the Education Reform Bill appeared in later editions yesterday.

HOUSE OF LORDS

The Government was warned by peers that they will strongly oppose the abolition of the Inner London Education Authority, which had been added to the Bill in the House of Commons. Many of the provisions in the Bill were criticized from all sides of the House.

Opening the debate, **Lady Hooper**, Under Secretary of State for Education and Science, said that the proposal that there should cease to be a single education authority for London was in the Conservative election manifesto.

Lady David, chief Opposition education spokesman in the Lords, said that the Bill raised constitutional questions by reducing the powers of local government and giving them to the Secretary of State. Under the Bill Mr Baker would take to himself 366 powers.

It was wrong for the abolition of Ilea to be incorporated into the Bill in the middle of the Commons committee stage. It was a vindictive political decision made with no real consideration for more than 250,000 London schoolchildren and half-a-million other people in adult and further education.

Lord Ritchie of Dundee, for the Social and Liberal Democrats, said that the abolition of Ilea would not improve standards and the disruption would create a blight for many years.

The Bishop of London, Dr Graham Leonard, said that he viewed the future of the Ilea with dismay. Whatever its deficiencies, simple devolution was most alarming and would not meet the needs of inner London or provide stability. The bishops would be putting forward their own ideas and amendments.

Lord Joseph (C), also a former Secretary of State for Education, said that he strongly supported very nearly all the provisions of the Bill.

But the national curriculum might impose too tight a stricture. It might neglect non-academic children and might inhibit some religious schools and the growth of specialist schools.

"I do hoist a question mark over the growth of a core curriculum to a national curriculum."

Lord Blake (C) said that he could not understand why the Bill could not contain something about academic freedom because that would help to relieve some of the resentment and depression felt by a great many dons.

Lord Craigton (C) said that there was a need for pupils to be made aware of problems in spheres outside the national curriculum, such as pollution of the air and endangered plant and animal life.

Lord Pitt of Hampstead (Lab) said that the Bill failed to require the national curriculum to prepare pupils for life in a multiracial, multi-cultural community.

It required county and voluntary schools to admit pupils to the limits of their capacity, and that could result in the destruction of smaller schools and the development of well resourced, all-white schools and small, under-resourced black schools.

It was also an error to abolish Ilea and replace it with the smallest education authorities in the most densely populated part of Britain.

Lord Orr-Ewing (C) said that he supported the abolition of Ilea. Its results were deplorable while its administrative costs were 2.5 times the national average.

Lord Northbourne (Ind) said that schools should do as much as possible to prepare young people for the responsibility of home making and raising a family. That meant a stable, heterosexual two-parent family wherever possible.

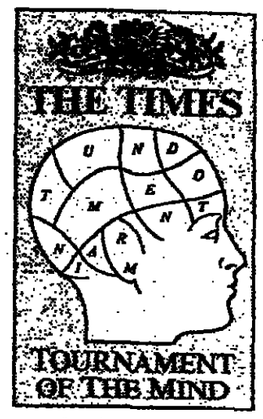
The Rev the Lord Milverton (C) said that religious education was too often regarded as the Cinderella subject. It ought to be taught by qualified teachers. Good will and churchgoing were no substitute for religious qualifications.

Lord Wedderburn of Charlton (Lab) said that the Government had succeeded in uniting the most extraordinary spectrum of opinion against its proposals.

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SPECTRUM

Tournament of the Mind



● Strong challenge from Scottish mathematicians with a sense of mission

Madras College in St Andrews is one of three Scottish schools in the 11 finalists in *The Times* Tournament of the Mind. Its name derives from the work of Dr Andrew Bell, who would surely have approved of the 10-strong team's sense of mission. Early in the 19th century he was chaplain to the East India Company's soldiers stationed in Madras.

The college has a very strong mathematics tradition, with many of its pupils winning honours in the competitions of the Scottish Mathematical Council, and all 10 of the participating pupils come from the mathematics class in the fourth year.

David Galloway, head of Madras College for two years, declares himself "very proud that we've done so well in an important national competition. But surprised? It's come as a pleasant surprise; but teaching here is of a very high order."

He is reluctant to say whether the present crop of pupils are more or less promising than in other years. "It's rather too early to tell. Remember they haven't taken their O grades yet."

SCHOOLS' FINAL — ROUND THREE

1 LOGIC

Each different symbol has a different value. The numbers at the end of each row and column line are the totals of the four symbols in that line. What is the value of the question mark?

+	△	□	○	?
△	□	+	+	163
△	□	○	△	182
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168	191		167	

2 VERBAL

Which three letters can be placed before the following groups of letters to create three English words? Here are the groups of letters:

CYST LITH SCOPE

3 MATHS

Discover the relationship between the numbers outside and inside the brackets and tell us what should replace the question marks.

411 (44) 573
722 (47) 663
913 (??) 888

4 MISCELLANEOUS

The airport departures board has gone crazy and now shows the following: the flight to Cairo is delayed by 0.5725490 hours, the flight to Nairobi is delayed by 0.6441177 hours and the flight to Buenos Aires is delayed by 0.7156863 hours. Find out the relationship between the numbers and the destinations and tell us the delay to the Rome flight, to the nearest seven places of decimals.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Which famous French dramatist wrote *L'Avare?*

2. To what species does the New Guinea marsupial cat belong?

3. Which Chinese ethnic minority group found in Canton, Fujian and Taiwan, migrated south from North China at the time of the Tartar and Mongol invasions?

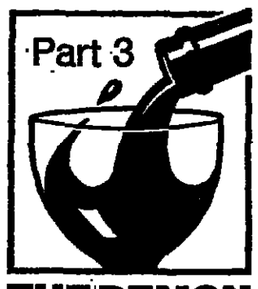
4. What is the other name for the South European bearded vulture?

5. Which golfer, winner of the Masters Tournament, had a car accident in 1949 which it was thought would cripple him?

When a government sees double

Politicians have failed to keep pace with public opinion on alcohol abuse, **Jancis Robinson** finds

Part 3



THE DEMON DRINK

More than 85 per cent of British adults enjoy drinking. As well as savouring the taste, we like the way that alcohol makes both us and the people we are with seem more attractive, and the world in general a better place to be. Yet those who read newspapers and watch television have recently been made uncomfortably aware of the harm alcohol can do.

The public has been caught in the crossfire between government and a small but vociferous anti-alcohol lobby, which has felt goaded into hard-line tactics by the huge government spending on other drug abuse, heroin in particular. According to Action on Alcohol Abuse, spending on combating illegal drugs and solvents in 1986 worked out at nearly £1 million per user-death, whereas the comparable figure for alcohol was just over £100.

Government has been slow to respond to the alarming statistics published by the campaigners, partly, of course, because of alcohol's useful contribution to the Exchequer — more than £4 billion in the year to April 1987, excluding VAT — but perhaps also because it has been the inherited wisdom of governments that action against alcohol is a potential vote-loser.

Yet we are no longer a nation of unthinking drinkers. We are increasingly health-conscious, and show signs of a similar reassessment of our drinking habits. Lower-alcohol, low-alcohol and no-alcohol drinks proliferate. Our per-capita alcohol consumption appears to have peaked. At this point, the Government might even win points by initiating a large-scale alcohol education programme.

The Government would not, presumably, win points with its allies in the drinks industry, with which more than 60 MPs have a direct affiliation. The industry, for all its resources, has been strangely silent. This may be because of disagreement between the factions — brewers, distillers and wine importers — or because those in the drinks trade are the most reluctant to look alcohol abuse in the eye.

The industry is worried about its future, but perhaps more than it need be. Its sharper-witted members are already coming to terms with the fact that, after a period of growth, the public might now start to drink a little less. But if drinkers were to pursue quality rather than quantity the industry could benefit considerably, particularly companies prepared to innovate and diversify. We are still going to drink something, and those who will benefit will be those who provide appetizing (and often highly profitable) low-alcohol and alcohol-free substitutes.

Continuing a policy first evident in 1979 with the suppression of a think-tank report advising firm action on the social aspects of alcohol, and most dramatically illustrated by the closure of the Health Education Council in 1986 after a vociferous campaign by its director against alcohol abuse, the Government has so far done little to encourage those who want to cut down their intake. Full wine duty is levied even on wine coolers, which may contain only 2 per cent alcohol; the duty cut-off level for alcohol is at 1.2 per cent alcohol, which means that bottles of low-alcohol wine can be no cheaper.

The EEC wants to see exactly the same duties applied throughout Europe. Harmonization with the almost non-existent duties on wine in *France and Italy* — and the negligible duties on beer in West Germany — is an attractive thought to consumers. But the lobbyists believe that the only way to reduce the harm alcohol does is to make drinking a luxury.

Changing views on alcohol can be seen in our attitudes to drinking and driving. These changed perceptibly (if not enough) in the years immediately after the introduction in 1967 of the breathalyser and a maximum legal blood-alcohol level for drivers of 80 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood — considerably higher than the 50mg/100ml limit in Finland, Greece, Iceland, Japan, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Yugoslavia and parts of Australia.

Probably 5,000 lives were saved and 200,000 casualties avoided in the first seven years of this new regime. But Britain gradually learnt to live with being breathalysed, and convictions for drunken driving have since soared in England and Wales, to 101,000 in 1984, more than 10 times the number in 1967; Scottish convictions merely doubled to 12,213, in keeping with Britain's vehicle mileage.

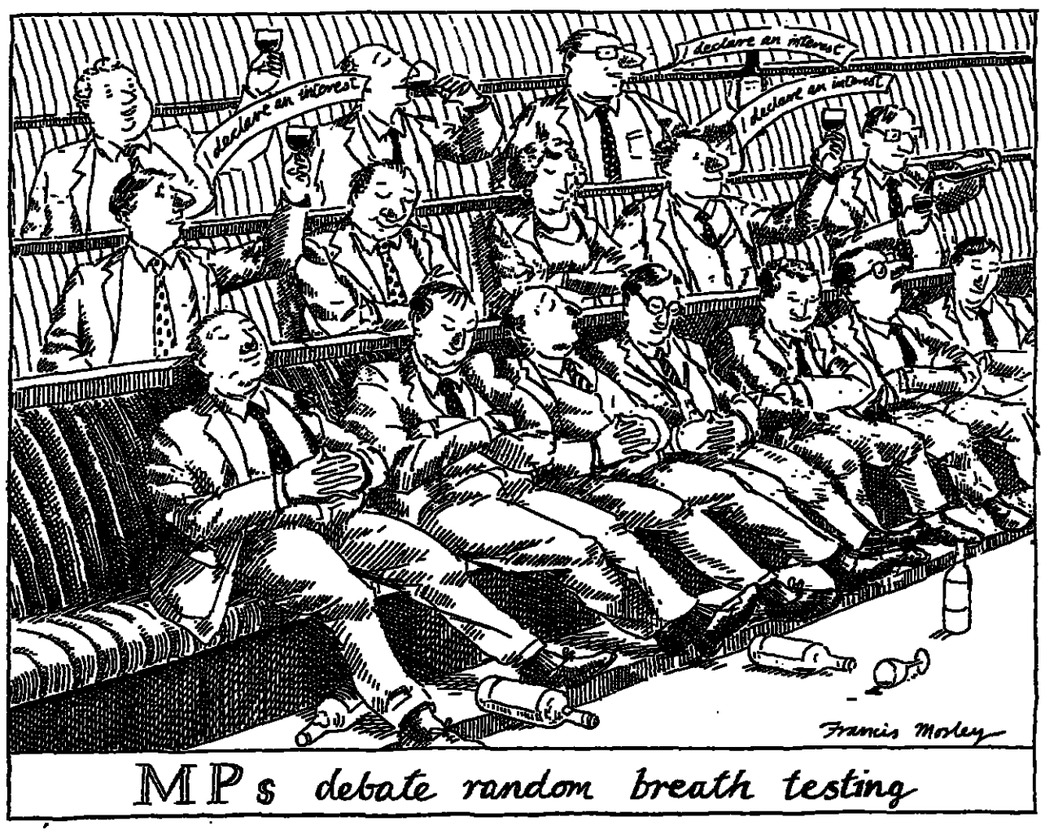
Parliament has consistently resisted calls for random breath-testing, which is seen by MPs as another vote loser. This is odd, because opinion polls show that most people now favour such tests. The Automobile Association found in 1967 that 25 per cent were in favour and 68 per cent against. By 1975, opinion had swung to 48 per cent for and 37 per cent against. A National Opinion Poll last year found 77 per cent supported random testing.

Random breath testing has demonstrably worked in Finland and Australia (two very different drinking cultures), yet there are still editorials in Britain suggesting that it would infringe civil liberties. The truth, of course, is that the police already have wide powers to stop drivers, and use them.

As a nation, we are very gradually learning to kill fewer people on the roads. But unless tighter control can be applied, we will continue to behave irresponsibly at the wheel. The opinion polls clearly show that we recognize a certain slackness in our moral fibre and are longing for someone to apply discipline.

In general, we are at a crossroads in our relationship with strong drink. We have sufficient evidence on which to base a more mature relationship, one in which we can recognize more fully its dangers, but also, unashamedly, its unique contribution to life. The art of intelligent drinking is to know how much is enough, and to savour every drop.

● *Adapted from* Jancis Robinson on the Demon Drink, *to be published by Mitchell Beazley next Monday (£9.95).*



KIDS' STUFF?

There is evidence that alcohol abuse is increasingly a problem among the young. In this country we are relatively liberal about introducing children to alcohol — perhaps slightly less so than in Mediterranean countries such as France, but certainly much more so than in Scandinavia and the United States where the minimum legal drinking age in almost all states is 21.

Because the majority of children in Britain encounter their first drink in the home, it is important that drinking is viewed sensibly and responsibly by the adults with them. A detailed study of 13 to 16-year-olds in 1976 showed not only that parental attitudes to alcohol have a real effect on those of teenagers, but also that in this age bracket there is no difference in drinking habits between girls and boys. Since statistics show alcohol consumption is increasing among women, it is important to disseminate early the facts about how poorly the female body withstands the depredations of alcohol.

As in so many facets of contemporary Britain, there are signs of polarization of attitudes to drinking among young people. Some do seem to have a much more mature view of drink than their (often middle-class) parents. Others, more often working class, have been seen to seize on alcohol, as on a wide range of other drugs, as a means of escape from the depressed urban landscape.

Particularly sensitive education is needed on combining drinking and driving. Too often, fatalities result from young people combining these activities, in both of which they are inexperienced. There are some convincing arguments for lowering the legal maximum blood-alcohol levels for young people.

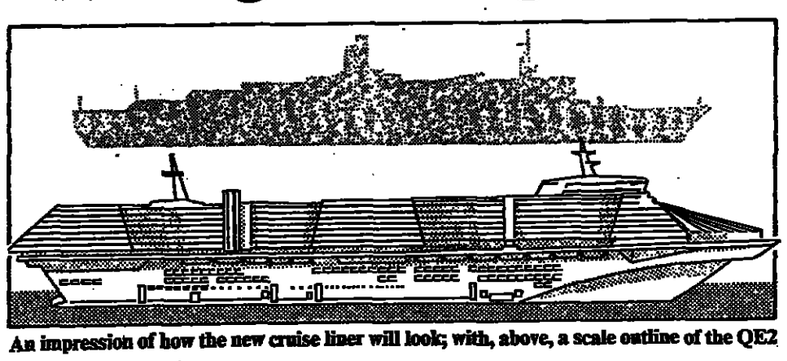
Riding the big wave

Belfast's shipbuilders are reaping the benefits of the cruise boom, **Andrew Lycett** reports

The giant 160,000-ton cruise liner, codenamed Ultimate Dream, to be built at Belfast's Harland and Wolff shipyard may not be the biggest in the world for long. Knut Kloster, founder of Norwegian Cruise Lines, is planning a 250,000-ton behemoth, Phoenix World City, which will carry 5,000 passengers — nearly double the capacity of Ravi Tikoo's new ship.

Cruising is a worldwide growth industry, and both Tikoo and Kloster aim to succeed where it counts, in the American market, currently worth $4.5 billion a year. Some three million people take cruises each year, and more than 75 per cent of them are American.

According to Jim Godsman, president of the New York based Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), cruising in the United States is growing at 14 per cent a year, and there is much potential untapped. He says market research shows that 60 per cent of the North American population has expressed interest in taking a cruise holiday: If this can be translated into sales, he sees a market worth between $35 billion and $50 billion a year.



An impression of how the new cruise liner will look; with, above, a scale outline of the QE2

The favourite destination for North American passengers is the Caribbean (32.1 per cent), followed by the Bahamas (18.3 per cent), the east coast of Mexico (8.3 per cent) and Alaska (7.1 per cent). The Mediterranean attracts 3.9 per cent and the rest of Europe just 2.5 per cent.

Cruise passengers in Britain can pay anything between £499 and £7,875 for a Mediterranean voyage. The British go to much the same places on their cruises, but in much reduced numbers. According to Ken Page, director of the Passenger Shipping Association, the British market had stagnated at around 100,000 passengers a year for five or six years before jumping 15 per cent to 115,000 (worth £140 million in revenue) in 1987. He expects a further 10 per cent growth this year, most of it in North America.

Where the United States scores over Britain is in marketing its cruises. Cruise holidays are considered to be well within the range of the man in the street. One of the industry success stories is the Miami based Carnival line. It specializes in three to four day jaunts round the Caribbean, describing its 40,000-ton vessels like the Holiday and Jubilee as "fun ships".

Mike Muller, the company's European managing director, claims Carnival's half-a-million passengers a year have an average age of 35, 10 years lower than the industry mean. Carnival offers the biggest casino afloat. "If it can be done on board a ship, we do it," says Muller.

Earlier this year Carnival placed an order with a Finnish shipyard for three new vessels. Their names, the Fantasy, Ecstasy and Sensation, suggest the kind of market they are intended for. They are all 70,000 tons deadweight. Muller says this is about the maximum tonnage an operator can have. "Any fool can build a big ship," he says. "But you've got to fill it."

The optimum size of a cruise ship is one of the big debates in the cruise industry. The general tendency in recent years has been to build larger vessels. Royal Caribbean Cruises earlier this year launched its 74,000-ton Sovereign of the Seas (currently the biggest in the world) which carries 2,282 passengers.

Cunard's 67,000-ton QE2 accommodates 1,700 passengers. The company's Eric Flounders says this is "the optimum size for its job", which he describes as providing a scheduled North Atlantic service. But he implies that the ideal cruise liner is Cunard's Sagafjord, weighing 26,000 tons. This gives passengers a sense of intimacy and luxury they cannot find in larger liners. "You don't want *floating Butlins,*" says Flounders.

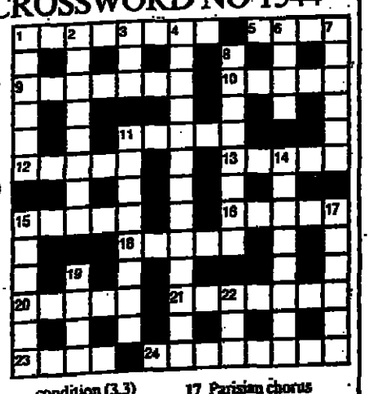
True to this principle Cunard has recently introduced the two Sea Goddesses to its schedule. These are 10,000-ton vessels — "no more than a large yacht". They carry just 120 passengers, who can pride themselves on getting to know the Captain personally. As smaller ships they are also more manoeuvrable and can enter harbours, such as Portofino on the Neapolitan Riviera, not usually open to other liners.

Wind Star, a North American operator, has perfected the small is beautiful approach by offering cruises in the Caribbean, Tahiti and, shortly, Europe in three 5,500 sail-driven ships of 5,500 tons, carrying 150 passengers.

At the other extreme, John Rogers, co-ordinator of the Phoenix World City project, talks of a floating city, with health clubs, a 2,500-seat theatre and three towers where international hotel companies can offer their different types of luxury and comfort. He says his market research suggests customers want this kind of "floating leisure resort".

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'Modern Brits' can often be confusing


Detail from Barbara Campbell's 1933 scene, right, of Shaw rehearsing a production of his whimsical essay on unemployment, *On the Rocks*, (Fairhurst Gallery)

The term "Modern British" can be confusing since it usually means work by British artists who have died within the last 50 or 80 years, as opposed to the "Contemporary" products of people still alive, however old or old-fashioned they may be. Inevitably, for the purposes of sales and exhibitions, such a clear-cut division cannot always be maintained.

It can probably be assumed that the painters of the "British Impressions" which can be seen at David Messum's The Studio at Marlow, Buckinghamshire, by appointment this month and May, are indeed dead, but a few of the Modern British painters and watercolourists on show at the Lacey Selmes Gallery, 6 Bellevue Road, London SW17 until May 14 are, happily, still with us. In both cases they are painters who are increasingly sought after and whose work should be bought now if future regret and heartache is to be avoided.

More examples of Modern British endeavour will be on offer at Christie's on May 10 in a sale of stage designs, cartoons and costumes related to Glyndebourne productions, and in Sotheby's main sale of the season on the following day.

The Christie sale is made up from the collection of Moran Caplat, the general administrator at Glyndebourne for more thanr 30 years until 1981, and ranges from Piper and Hockney to Sir Osbert Lancaster by way of Oliver Messel and Sir Hugh Casson.

The star lot at Sotheby's is expected to be *At the Piano* by Stanley Spencer, worth an estimated £60,000- £80,000.

Other notable Modern Britons include William Strang and Frances Hodgkins, both of whom appear in a sale of paintings and watercolours at Lawrence of Crewkerne, Somerset, on April 28. Strang's *The Straw Hat* made 14 guineas (£14.70) 1935 and should now make £5,000, while the best of three Hodgkins watercolours, a vew of Ibiza dated 1937, should pass £20,000. There are also a double portrait of children attributed to the early 18th-century Thomas Hill, and two watercolours of the building of the Ottoman railways by D. H. McKewan.

The inter and immediately post-war generations of British painters had little of the stylistic revolutionary fervour of the Futurists, Cubists and Vorticists who had made 1910 to 1916 the most exciting years of the century. Their skirmish in the eternal battle of youth with its elders was fought with vibrant colour, and this is the theme of *A Splash of Colour* at the Fairhurst Gallery, 291 New Kings Road, SW6, until April 30.

Much the same period of British art is covered in "Visions of Landscape" at Garton & Cooke, 39-42 New Bond Street, W1 from May 6-27, but this time through prints rather than paintings or drawings. It traces the pastoral tradition from Blake and Palmer to Paul Nash, Graham Sutherland and Robin Tanner.

Other noteworthy exhibitions in London include a show devoted to some of the great early Dutch botanical prints at the Schuster Gallery, 14 Maddox Street, W1, from May 5 to June 10; paintings commissioned by European ambassadors to the Sublime Porte in the 17th and 18th centuries, at Hazlitt, Gooden & Fox, 38 Bury Street, St James's, SW1, from May 11 to June 3; and a collection of paintings and prints on the theme of London and the Thames with which Burlington Paintings opens its newly expanded galleries at 10-12 Burlington Gardens, W1.

There will be more paintings, together with English and Scottish silver, in Sotheby's sale at Hopetoun House on April 26. Modern British rears its head again here, in the form of still lifes by Peploe and Redpath, and a fine *Bathers* by McTaggart. Most of the silver carries estimates of less than £1,000.

In Sussex on April 27, Sotheby's will be offering examples of the craft of one of the best early 20th-century amateur bookbinders, the barrister and bibliophile Sir Edward Sullivan. In the same sale will be some 300 volumes of Kipling's works, including a number of rare Indian and American firsts.

In London, Sotheby's will offer more books on May 5-6, together with important manuscripts, including a previously unknown three-page manuscript containing alterations by Beethoven to the great "Ode to Joy" at the end of the Ninth. This could reach £100,000. Mozart, Hayden and Schubert are also represented in the sale.

The most alluring house sale of the month will surely be the one organized by Phillips at the 15th-century Basts, Grundisburgh, near Ipswich, on May 11. It was the home of Commander and Mrs Robert Nicholl, whose marriage in the face of family opposition provoked headlines in 1924. There is much good walnut furniture, and two pairs of Chinese gilt papier-mâché painted mirrors are each estimated at £8,000.

In King Street, London, Christie's have a good collection of prints of prize shorthorn cattle on May 17. These show such magnificent beasts as the celebrated Durham Ox and *The White Heifer that Travelled*. At the same time, May 13-17, there will be a chance to view, but not buy, the latest treasures which have been recovered from 17th-century Spanish galleons off Florida. The sale will be New York on June 14.

Finally, and hovering on that uncertain border between Modern British and Contemporary, the annual exhibition of the Royal Watercolour Society opens at the Bankside Gallery, 48 Hopton Street, London SE1 on May 12.

Huon Mallalieu

The antiques fairs business continues to run at full throttle. The Westminster event is at the Horticultural Hall, April 21-22; the Truro Spring Fair at the City Hall, April 29-30; the 12th Perthshire Fair at the Station otel, Perth, May 6-8; a Welsh Dealers' Fair at Margram Country Park, Swansea, May 6-8; and the 12th West of England Fair at the Assembly Rooms, Bath, from May 10-14.

Frames sale

Bonhams have two sessions devoted to frames this month. There is a bargain basement affair at their Chelsea rooms today, and there will be better quality examples in Knightsbridge tomorrow. Either could be a useful preliminary to Christie's Old Master paintings sale on Friday, or its second sale from the Bernasconi collection of 19th-century Italian works on April 29. Some 102 paintings will be offered, and they should fetch from £100 to £100,000.

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THE ARTS

TELEVISION

Funny fauna

The signal difference between Alan Bennett and the rest of humanity – always excepting the late Joe Orton – is that he actively seeks out the ordeal of getting stuck next to boring conversationalists.

It is a penchant which, famously, has supplied him with material throughout his writing career. Scrupulously monitoring their midget snobberies and hiccups of register, Bennett teases out the flint inside the cardies, the barbed wire behind the net curtains.

The natural vehicle for this ambition is the monologue, and *Talking Heads* (BBC1) duly weighed in with a first-person narrative recited to camera and sectioned with fade-outs. Impersonating the inadequate middle-aged son of an absent-minded widow, Bennett appeared in a variety of drab costumes in dimly-lit rooms.

This device suggested the emotional twilight of his character without providing much in the way of drama. Indeed, for all the artful assurance of his delivery, this was pretty much a radio programme with grimaces.

The story itself occupied the familiar terrain of Yorkshire working-class respectability, a mouse's hell of false teeth, constipation and knitted tea-cosies. The narrator's mother struck up with a very old flame, now a semi-retired gents' outfitter, whose idea of a conversational gambit was "Might I advise a cheeseburger?"

Seething in his Oedipal stew, the pathetic Graham was saved by a knock at the door which delivered the pivotal news so beloved of short-story anthologists. All this was vaguely sad, though not perhaps in the way that Bennett intended.

Viewers with two television sets, not to mention a keen sense of the ridiculous, will have been able simultaneously to sample *The Nature of Australia* (BBC2), a lavish compilation of the continent's absurd wildlife. The first platypus specimen shipped to Britain was originally thought to be a hoax; watching the real thing in action, one was still not convinced.

Endeavouring to provide a prehistory lesson as it went along, the purplish commentary introduced some charming clockwork dinosaurs. Given the exotic diversity of Australia's fauna, it would be difficult to mess up a documentary on it, although this programme did come off the rails with a confusing detour into the parallel evolution of South American marsupials.

The climax was a magnificent exhibition of kick-boxing by kangaroos, for all the world like nightclub bouncers in fur tracksuits. It would doubtless be illegal to pit them against the real thing for purposes of entertainment.

Martin Cropper

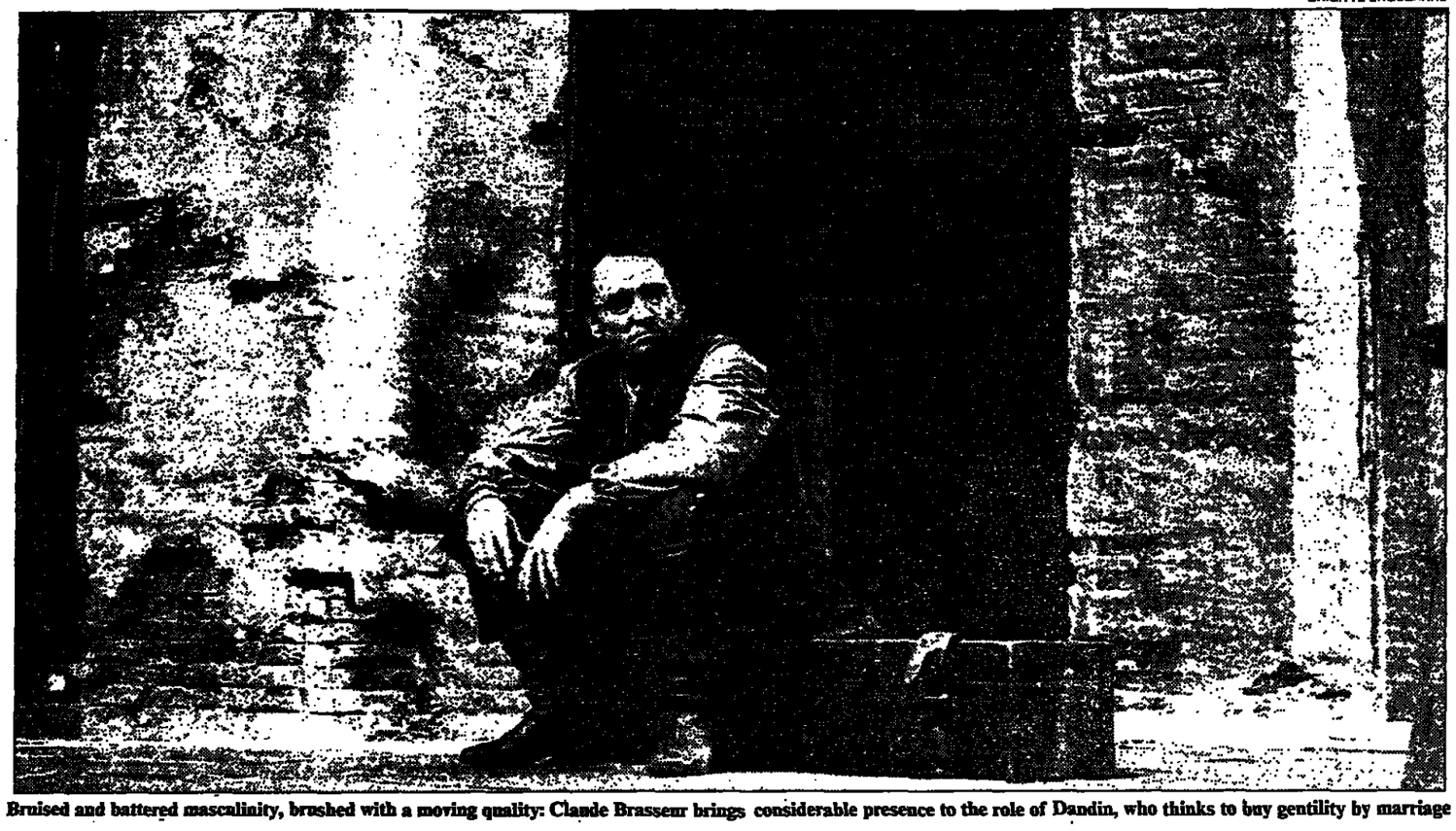
Diane Hill on an entertaining, exhilarating but faithful production, by Roger Planchon, of a classical French comedy

Molière à la musical mode

PARIS THEATRE

George Dandin
Théâtre Mogador, Paris

BRIGITTE ENGUERAND



Bruised and battered masculinity, brushed with a moving quality: Claude Brasseur brings considerable presence to the role of Dandin, who thinks to buy gentility by marriage

It all depends on how you like your Molière. If you like it straight from the text book source, Roger Planchon's highly personalized *direction of George Dandin* takes some swallowing. If however, you are not adverse to classics being enlivened with contemporary zest, then this production is an exhilarating elixir, with an entertainment rating on a par with a quality musical.

Comparison with a musical is not so out of place. A thoughtful comedy about the pitfalls of an arranged marriage between an older man and a young girl from very different social spheres, this production is thickly larded with incidental music.

It has been commissioned by Planchon, composed by Jean-Pierre Fouquey, inspired by one of the interludes composed by Lully — Molière's constant musical collaborator — for the play's very first performance in the park at Versailles.

Ezio Frigerio and Jacques Schmidt are the designers in residence at Planchon's municipal theatre in Villeurbanne. Here, Frigerio's 17th century farmyard, with its pungent hayloft and crumbling colonnade supporting a long, upper gallery, is a made-to-measure, monumental background in which Planchon gives full reign to his panoramic direction.

Prop changes have the air of a Béjart ballet, executed by a corps of farmhands, dressed in authentic Molièrian designer homespun, signed by the inimitable Schmidt. Planchon's direction does not let up for an instant. When André Diot's excellent, day-in-the-country lighting design goes into midnight mode, the action continues with the panache of a bedroom farce.

Molière's text, however, is left all but intact, although a number of lines are not spoken by the characters for whom they were written. These changes do little to alter the ambiguity that is already built into the well-crafted, deceptively simple scenario, whose interpretation depends very much on the sex of the director's chauvinism. While the enlightened Molière was something of a feminist, the text for *Dandin* can just as easily be tuned to sound a masculine battle cry.

George Dandin, is a rich, middle-aged farmer of peasant stock, who buys gentility by marrying into an impoverished aristocratic family. Wedded against her will, the adolescent Angélique refuses to be bedded in the same coin.

Denying her husband his rights by marriage, she asserts hers, by taking a young, upper-crust lover, using her feminine wiles — in harness with the aristocratic social code, to cuckold Dandin openly, blocking at every turn his frantic demands for reparation.

Planchon's equally memorable 1959 production followed the well-trodden path which depicts Dandin as an uncouth social climber. Today, he skilfully refashions the farmer into a eminently likeable salt of the earth, who finds himself being leeched unmercifully by the conniving gentry. This interpretation raised a number of danders when the production was premièred in Villeurbanne before its Paris opening.

Heading the well-knit cast, Claude Brasseur brings to the title role a bruised and battered masculinity. But Brasseur's Dandin never becomes a figure of fun: he has a dignity that brushes his performance with a moving quality, worthy of a weightier work.

Brasseur also has a strong physical presence, which is somewhat wasted in Planchon's film made out of this production, shot completely on location and released shortly before the original stage version opened at the Mogador.

LONDON THEATRE

The Green Bay Tree
Attic Theatre, Wimbledon

This fascinating, well-made and, for its period, unique play is receiving its first major production since 1950, when Hugh Williams played Mr Dulcimer, the bachelor gentleman of wealth, refinement and minority tastes.

Seventeen years earlier he had played the youthful Julian whose lovely treble caught Mr Dulcimer's fancy when he heard it in a Welsh school. It is hard enough to picture the fastidious Dulcimer in Wales, let alone inside a schoolroom there, and the author wisely does not give details. The wonder is that the play passed the censor in those days to reach the West End stage at all, where it ran for six months before transferring to Broadway with the young Olivier.

Julian becomes Dulcimer's, um, protegé — I quote from the dialogue — and for 11 years is reared among all the luxuries that unearned wealth can provide. Eventually he finds a girl he thinks he wants to marry and a tussle begins between the spirited Leonora, known as Leo, and Dulcimer, nicknamed Dulcie.

You and I in these franker days know what "my need for youth and companionship" means but, because the struggle for Julian's heart is expressed in terms of backbone and earning one's own keep, the love that dare not speak its name is never obliged to do so.

The author's unlikely name is given as Mordaunt Shairp , and this entertaining revival is mounted by the adventurous Attic Theatre, now starting its third season in the upper reaches of Wimbledon Theatre. Alison Skilbeck's production includes within the set (by Ralph Holes) the view into the conservatory-like bar beyond the stage, giving to a small space, seating 50, the feel of a much larger area.

Helen Selka's plucky hauteur and angrily mocking tones auger well for her future. There is attractive playing by glitter-eyed, ravaged Andrew Powell as Julian, Edward Arthur (youngish for the role of Dulcimer) and a gentleman's gentleman, by Gordon Reid, that verges on camp.

Jeremy Kingston

Anything for a Quiet Life
Half Moon

It begins as an ordinary day at the office. Mary finally stops coughing for long enough to light her first cigarette. Ralph arises bleary-eyed from his mildewed documents as if from the bottom of a pond. The masterful Miss Box-Cooper has just time to filch somebody's coffee and bark out some commands before the cleaning lady gets weaving with the vacuum cleaner and brings business to a standstill.

From this humdrum opening, the day takes wing into the higher lunacy with an aged relative wandering the corridors , Ralph crawling through the air-conditioning system, and multiple explosions from which the tattered boss emerges to spit his teeth over the conference table.

Office life defies the theatre of the spoken word; but, as this Théâtre de Complicité show proves, it is a marvellous subject for pantomime; at least for the kind of pantomime practised by this multi-national Lecoq-trained troupe. They do not eliminate the spoken word: but their starting point is that, in routine areas of life, speech comes second to body language.

Their text is made up of rhythmic rhubarbing with deformed business terms periodically struggling to the surface. Occasionally one line will ring out pure as a bell: "Oh, what a lovely wig!" (not a fact the owner wanted disclosed). But their movement, both independently and collectively, is articulated with a superb comic precision that defines every character, from the miserably indecisive boss, to the hobbling old mother.

Simon McBurney's production is played on a seemingly drab set of two tables and three matchwood wardrobes, which undergo magical transformation once they start moving about under Jon Linstrum's lighting. Characteristically, this launches the boss into a nightmare international conference where his inadequacy is reinforced by the babel of translation; and creates endless corridors, locked rooms, and the cellar steps that explode into a smoking ruin.

As for body language, the scene in which two frustrated lovers signal their intentions by wolfing a raspberry cream sponge, should get confectionery registered under Clause 29.

Irving Wardle

Cornucopias and cabbages

ROCK

Frank Zappa
Lloyd Cole and the Commotions
Wembley Arena

Frank Zappa's current 11-piece touring band has a repertoire of roughly 160 songs – barely enough to scratch the surface of the largest canon in rock — from which Zappa makes a different selection each night, only informing the musicians of his choices minutes before they go on stage.

Then for two and a half hours (with one interval) the numbers are strung together in a continuous segue of tortuous complexity, but played with both apparent ease and absolute accuracy.

On Monday an opening sequence of "Black Page", "Packard Goose", "Mr Green Genes" and "Florentine Pogen" produced the musical equivalent of a firework display. The acidic harmonies of the five-piece horn section sent up swift, sharp bursts of colour; Chad Wackerman's drumming and Ed Mann's percussion forays exploded like bangers behind.

When he was not playing a variety of astounding guitar solos, with textures that ranged from thick layers of gulping wang bar noises to delicate, crystalline sprinklings, Zappa stood with his back to the audience, conducting the band with a baton.

The vocals were turned over, in the main, to Ike Willis (guitar) and the iron lungs of Bobby Martin (keyboards), while Zappa roamed the stage with a cigarette and coffee cup in his hand.

A hilarious finale of "Peaches En Regalia", Led Zeppelin's "Stairway To Heaven", Ravel's *Bolèro* and the Beatles' "I Am The Walrus" confirmed eccentricity bordering on the deranged.

On Sunday, at the same venue, Lloyd Cole and the Commotions plodded through a decidedly preplanned repertoire with assumed diffidence.

In the four years since the group graduated from the rehearsal rooms of Glasgow, Cole has emerged as a sort of clean-cut, conservative version of Morrissey. Unfortunately the band has as much stage presence as a field of cabbages and Cole's limitations as a singer were particularly exposed in the big hall.

Occasional moments of interest, such as a woozy guitar passage towards the end of "Love Your Wife", were overshadowed by the music's unbearable lightness of touch, roughly the equivalent of having a feather brushed against the end of your nose.

David Sinclair

Playful wind virtuosity

CONCERT

Vienna-Berlin Ensemble
Wigmore Hall

The Vienna-Berlin Ensemble, yet another offshoot of the two great Philharmonics, sprung up entirely for pleasure in time off. So it was hardly surprising that, for their first concert in London, these five wind players gave a programme which consisted almost entirely of encore material.

It was just the thing for a Monday evening, and a humid one at that. It was a pity that their talent to amuse did not go as far as to provide programme notes for the curiosities they had lined up.

But, even before I went searching in Grove, the cunning arrangement (their own?) of Mozart's K616 *Andante*, with its chattering variations and gurgling roulades, betrayed its origins in a piece written for mechanical organ, seven months before the composer's death.

Johann Strauss's "Pizzicato Polka", when transferred from bow to mouthpiece, sounded equally like a musical time-piece from Vienna's clock-museum. If rumbustious showmanship was in evidence in the final whistle of his "Pleasure-train" and the sudden breaking into song in the middle of Strauss's "Egyptian March", more subtle craft was on offer in Dvorák's G major Slavonic Dance.

The trick was never to let it slip into *schmalz* before its time. The players' firm, confidently oscillating, ensemble and their vigour in playing off one distinctive voice against another, helped here, as in the evening's most substantial work, Mozart's own arrangement of his Serenade in C minor.

Wit, and rock-hard confidence in their dramatic and comic timing, had made a virtuoso showpiece of Ligeti's *Six Bagatelles* at the beginning of the evening. And, at the end, the players paid serious tribute to Franz Danzi, father of the wind quintet and an older contemporary of Weber, in a most elegantly proportioned performance of the last movement of his G minor Quintet.

Hilary Finch

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TIMES DIARY

ALAN COREN

An unsettling moment last Saturday morning, fraught with imponderability, and still vibrating. En route to a fellow sentimentalist who has taken a cottage on Boar's Hill to enable him to wallow in the nostalgic view without actually having to descend into Oxford and remind himself what 30 years can do to towns and paunches, I could not resist stopping off at the King's Arms, my old college neighbour, to stick the memory in gear for the upcoming reminiscent lunch.

Needless to say, the dear old stewe had been comprehensively sacked by Attila the Brewer: felled in the ergonomic interest, the internal walls had gone, along with the rancid Axminster, and the sag-seat chairs and the little wonky tables, the last ha'penny had been shoved and the last skittle tumbled to make way for whooping fruit machines and intergalactic ordnance, and where Sunlight cheese once sweated and fat flies strolled on scabby bangers and serried jars of pickled eggs and walnuts stood like the unspeakable detritus of Victorian surgical ambition, a spotless acreage of multinational provender now lay, spread out before the humming microwaves.

The place being so altered that it was impossible to populate it with remembered faces, I drank up quickly and, pausing only to mutter *Eheu fugaces!* in order to prove to myself that four years had not been entirely wasted, I was walking briskly out when I happened to catch the eye of a man with his head inside one of those telephone domes. Even through the distorting perspex, it was a familiar eye. It was also an eye that clearly recognized me, though with no surprise at all. He merely put his hand over the mouthpiece, leaned out, and said: "I'll be here next Saturday", and went on with his phone conversation.

I walked up South Parks Road, racking. A mite too old for a contemporary, what was he? Or, more to the point, what had he been, then? A don? A maunciple? A scout? I took the grey out of his crinkled hair, removed a chin or two, painted over the busted veins, but still it would not come. It was not until I was halfway up Hinksey Hill that it struck me, and the car wobbled.

In the summer of 1960, with the gulf beyond Final Schools gaping, I had toyed with several advertised prospects of employment, and the man on the phone had interviewed me in response to one such application. We had met in that same pub and engaged in a conversation of such ambiguity that its very vagueness should have alerted me to its nature long before I actually asked him if what the Government wanted me to be was a spy.

Despite the allure of, as I recall, £900 p.a. before stoppages, and the engaging prospect of my own hollow tree and ginger wig, I did not become one. Nor did I think any more about it until last Saturday; since when, however, I have been able to think of little else. Is the man not only still in the King's Arms but still in the same game? And if so, then where might I stand, now, or, where, rather, might I deviate?

At 49, one hefts the dice in the hand as the last throw beckons, and cares a little less whether they might be loaded. True, the tacky revelations of the last three decades have left scant romance in the trade, but might there nevertheless not still be a sloe-eyed siren or two out there, bucketing across Europe on the Orient Express with blueprints Sellotaped to her pellucid skin, eager to engage a cynical, life-pitted, deceptively unyouthful but unquestionably attractive member of Her Majesty's Secret Service in a little amusing subversion?

At the time of going to press, I have not yet decided whether or not to return to Oxford next Saturday. This afternoon, I shall buy a fawn trenchcoat and a brown fedora, and if they look good on me, anything could happen.

BARRY FANTONI



'Dance, dance, wherever you may be, except at St John the Evangelist Hartley Whitney'

By then, if the warm weather continues, my contact may well be sitting outside, rendering covert whispering and the passage of invisible ink more difficult. In London at least, this sudden spring has seen an unprecedented burgeoning of not only pub-tables spilling out on to pavements, but restaurants similarly extending themselves towards the kerb.

Chunnelmongers and other pan-Europeans will doubtless take this as encouraging evidence of the internationalizing of the island race, but I fear our domestic temperament has some way to go before it adjusts fully to the al fresco mood of Champs Elysées and Via Veneto.

Last Monday in Marylebone I saw a young couple, sitting at the pavement table of an Italian restaurant, suddenly confronted by an elderly operative pushing a council dust-cart. The young couple pointed out that they were eating, and the sweeper pointed out that he was sweeping. At this point, the three were joined by a waiter, who pointed out that he was waiting, and a manager who pointed out that he was managing. This pointing out rose rapidly to a crescendo, but it was only ever going to end one way. The young couple stood up, and the waiter and the manager carried the table inside.

The triumphant sweeper looked at me. "You wouldn't believe the bye-laws I could have quoted," he said.

Ray Whitney urges the Civil Service to return to its old standards

How to stop the leakers

In Monday's Commons debate on the community charge the chief Opposition spokesman added to the Government's discomfiture by quoting from a letter apparently sent by by one of the Prime Minister's private secretaries to the Department of the Environment concerning the housing benefit rules. Dr Cunningham also claimed to have in his possession what he described as "accompanying correspondence" between other civil servants.

On March 10 the Opposition education spokesman had similar fun quoting from a letter from No 10 to the private secretary to the Education Secretary suggesting that significant differences existed between Mrs Thatcher and Kenneth Baker on assessment arrangements after enactment of the Education Reform Bill.

Three weeks later saw the leaking of a letter from the Prime Minister's principal private secretary to the Scottish Office which appeared to reveal an intention to include Scottish schools in the opting-out proposals which at present apply only to England and Wales.

Living with leaks has become part of the daily life of Whitehall. Those quoted above suggest that they have reached epidemic proportions, but in fact the phenomenon has been developing over a number a years. Certainly it has become a regular feature of the political landscape since the Conservatives came to office in 1979. That statement may seem open to a charge of paranoia — but it is demonstrably true.

In earlier decades, although not unknown, leaks went against the traditions and loyalties of the Civil Service and against the culture in which politicians and public servants operated.

A personal story may illustrate how the climate has changed. In 1976, as head of the Overseas Information Department of the Foreign Office, I had to arrange for British diplomatic missions to portray in the most favourable possible light Mr Healey's conduct of the national economy. At a time when inflation was over 20 per cent and we were supplicants at the door of the International Monetary Fund, it was neither an easy nor, given my own political and economic views, a congenial task. Many papers came across my desk which, if leaked to a friendly journalist or politician, would have seriously discomfited the then Labour government. It did not occur to me to do so, simply because it would have gone against all Civil Service instincts and traditions.

Had there been any such leak, the Foreign Secretary at the time would have reacted with justifiable outrage. Yet when, eight years later, another civil servant, Clive Ponting, leaked official information because he disagreed with Ministry of Defence policy, Dr Owen praised his public-spirited action and welcomed him into the SDP.

To some extent, the increasing incidence of leaks is a manifestation of a general loosening of standards in public life. To a significantly greater extent, however, I believe it is a reflection of a political change affecting a very small minority of public servants with a deep-seated intellectual and ideological opposition to many policies of the present government. They see it as their right — indeed, their duty — to embarrass their political masters and, if possible, to frustrate their policies. They sometimes seek to justify their leaking on the grounds that governments increasingly try to "manage" the news (but governments always did) and that they are entitled to use the advantages of their own insider knowledge to hit back.

These individuals are often encouraged by some journalists, particularly those with specialist responsibilities. For example, as a DHSS minister, I was aware of one or two correspondents in the field who carefully cultivated individual civil servants at the middle and lower levels within the department as a profitable (and often reliable) source for their news stories. The journalists and officials concerned were always adroit enough to avoid clear exposure.

Major leaks are always followed by inquiries which, virtually without exception, fail to produce a culprit. The system is just too impenetrable. Within the Whitehall barriers there is a mass of information, of position papers, reviews and other documentation. Much is already accessible to the public or could be to any reasonably bright and industrious journalist — but the attraction for the media and for politicians in opposition is the illicit leak rather than the free gift.

Within the government machine it is inevitable that even narrow subjects involve layers of public servants of all grades, including the clerks and the typists, all of whom have easy access to photocopiers.

What can be done? It is always possible for some selected issues to be given special "need to know" treatment beyond the normal system of security classification and handling. This approach can, however, only be used on a highly selective basis. If applied liberally, the whole departmental apparatus could be brought to a halt. Position papers examining new possibilities would become too dangerous; new thinking would be stultified.

Some traditionalists in Whitehall suggest a new concordat between the media and opposition politicians to forswear the use of leaked information. This, I fear, is a totally unrealistic hope. I believe there are slightly more grounds for optimism in looking to the public service itself to accept that a handful of civil servants are leading us all down a very dangerous road so that this will produce, from within itself, a return to the higher standards of the past.

For the present, however, it is clear that ministers would be wise to work on the assumption that nearly anything which they read in their red boxes tonight is likely to appear in the columns of *Hansard* the day after tomorrow.

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Conor Cruise O'Brien

The melting pot's richer stew

Schenectady, New York

The greatest attribute of the American system is its capacity to develop over time a general toleration out of a multiplicity of mutual antagonisms. The antagonisms don't disappear; indeed they keep on multiplying. But somehow the more they multiply, the better they seem to keep themselves, and one another, within bounds.

The case of Jesse Jackson and the Jews is a good illustration of how the system works. Jackson exploited black anti-semitism — a fairly recent phenomenon — in his drive to become front runner among black voters after the death of Martin Luther King. But that past exploitation of anti-semitism is now hurting him (especially in New York) in his drive for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Every ambitious young politician in every racial, ethnic, religious or other group can draw a moral from Jackson's present predicament: "Don't go for the hate vote if you want to make it in the big league".

The present subtleties and disciplines of inter-ethnic competition and accommodation were by no means foreseen in the epoch of mass immigration in the last quarter of the 19th century and the first quarter of the 20th. In those days, the presiding symbol was that of the melting pot. Indeed Henry Ford provided at his plants a kind of huge tank, labelled Melting Pot, into which workers — scruffy, dressed in various ethnic costumes of the old world — were obliged to enter on one side and emerge from the other as Americans, clean, smart and uniformly dressed.

In real life the melting pot worked, but in a way that was to disconcert its original sponsors who were, like Ford, white Anglo-Saxon Protestants — Wasps. The immigrants learned to look like Americans, talk like Americans, and be like Americans. But not quite like the Americans who had been there longer and were still in charge. The Wasps had been proud of their own origins but had required later immigrants — Irish, Poles, Italians, Jews etc — to be ashamed of theirs. That was the message of Henry Ford's Melting Pot.

To acquiesce in that message, by being oblivious of one's ancestors, was to acquiesce in one's personal inferiority to certain other Americans.

On the other hand, to say, in effect, to the Wasps: "We are just as proud of our ancestors as you can be of yours" was to be 100 per cent American, and fully equal. So the more American the children of the immigrants became, the more ethnic they defined themselves as being, to be celebrated on appropriate ritual occasions.

By the mid-20th century, the children of the immigrants had become very American indeed. And it was at this time that there arose among them a champion who was to deal a heavy blow to the long ascendancy of the Wasps: the junior senator from Wisconsin, Joseph McCarthy.

McCarthy is remembered for his supposedly rabid anti-communism. But it is very doubtful whether he had any particular opinions or feelings about communism. In his hands "anti-communism" was a blunt instrument with which to bash the Wasp upper crust.



Joe knew that the rougher Wasps of the south and west distrusted the Wasp establishment of the east coast and the great cities, for being probably godless and soft on communism. So when, discreetly backed by Cardinal Spellman, he attacked the establishment along those lines, he attracted support among traditionally *anti*-Catholic elements in the south and west. Fear of communism began to drive out fear of Catholicism.

Joe McCarthy may not have done much damage to international communism, but he did a lot of good to the upward social mobility of Irish Catholics and other non-Wasps in America. Joe's anti-communism cleared the way for the success of the more upmarket Catholic anti-communism of John F. Kennedy. In our own day, Ronald Reagan — whose paternal ancestry is as Irish Catholic as Kennedy's — has also benefited from the breaking of that taboo.

As it happens — probably partly due to the tragedies in the Kennedy family — all presidents so far, with the single exception of John Kennedy, have been Protestants. But today it looks — from the opinion polls comparing the chances of the Greek Dukakis and Bush the Wasp — that being a Wasp no longer provides a significant advantage against a good white ethnic candidate. And even the anti-black taboo is eroding, though still slowly, as witness that 25 per cent of the white vote that Jackson won in the Wisconsin primary.

As well as ethnic and religious groups, there are groups based on shared opinions or shared inclinations: most notably feminists and homosexuals. Sometimes an inclination group will line up for or against an ethnic group. Thus most — though not all — spokesmen for gays and lesbians have come out for Jesse Jackson, the candidate who has made the most explicit commitments to these groups. The gay-black alliance may be a bit precarious, since "homophobia" is probably as widespread in the black community as in the white. But right now Jackson can say anything he likes and blacks will still vote for him. And what he says about gays and lesbians is swinging a significant segment of the white vote his way.

Between Jews and homosexuals, relations are not so good. Prominent cultural figures on both sides have been making mutually hostile utterances. Norman Podhoretz and his wife, Midge Decter, have made sweeping attacks on the gays. Gore Vidal has retaliated with waspish — in every sense — attacks on Jews. Vidal speaks as an old-fashioned American resenting the "dual loyalty", or worse, of American Jews who have refused, he thinks, to be melted in that pot.

Addressing American Jews, Vidal refers to "your country, Israel". This stuff made him guest of honour at the recent convention in Washington of the American-Arab anti-discrimination committee. The *New Republic* retorts with a nickname: Abu Vidal.

The gay-Jewish-Arab in-fighting will probably have little or no effect on the election, but it seems a pity in other ways. It would have caused exquisite suffering to Marcel Proust, though I suppose T.E. Lawrence might have enjoyed it.

In any case the Podhoretz-Vidal thing is a scrap among intellectuals. In national politics, and on the national media, in the late '80s such shenanigans are out. The workings of both politics and economics in modern America run against that sort of thing. Blocks of voters and blocks of consumers have power, and must not be offended. A senior baseball manager is fired, on the morning after making, on television, an elliptical remark deemed potentially offensive to blacks. Can't have blacks boycotting baseball games. Even feminists — considered a relatively weak group, since the landslide defeat of the Mondale-Ferraro ticket in 1984 — has sufficient influence to induce the media to avoid locutions that annoy them.

"America is coming together" is one of Jessie Jackson's favourite lines in his campaign speeches. Basically, I think he is right, though not yet to the degree he hopes. America is not coming together fast enough to give Jackson the presidency, or even the Democratic nomination, in 1988; but enough already to make him a force in American national electoral politics.

The melting pot did not work the way Henry Ford intended it to. The process has been much untidier: uneven, discordant, lumpy, bumpy and often unedifying in the details of its working. Yet the melting pot, once intended only for the making-over of white gentile immigrants, is now a crucible involving all Americans. Ford, who was an ideological racist and an anti-semite, would have detested the new-model melting pot. I think this vessel is already a remarkable American achievement, and should be still more remarkable in its workings by the turn of the century.

Commentary • WOODROW WYATT

They just can't win

The 1977 Gleneagles statement on apartheid in sport was directed against sportsmen who visited South Africa because South African sport was not integrated. It should be scrapped. Sports in South Africa are now multiracial and athletics were made so in 1977: Zola Budd should never have been forced to claim her right to British citizenship in 1984.

A multiracial event at Brakpan led to the present row. It is conceded she did not take part in any race but, by changing the English language, she is held to have "participated" by watching and using the course for training.

South Africa will soon stage an athletics event: Springboks versus the rest. Three black athletes have been chosen for the track and field team. The marathon team consists of four, three black men and one white woman.

Miss Budd is a prime victim of bigoted politicians, mainly from the communist and Third World countries who dominate the international sporting organizations. Surrendering to them by barring her from the New Zealand international marathon in March was like surrendering to hijackers. Successful hijackers come back for more.

Doubtless Miss Budd, knowing the delicacy of her position, was a fool to go anywhere near Brakpan. But it is admitted she did not break the actual rules governing international amateur athletics, merely the "spirit" of them. Being silly is not yet a crime. I would rate the behaviour of the United Nations special committee against apartheid as much more obnoxious.

This traces sportsmen who have visited South Africa, hoping to get them blacklisted from their own countries' national teams and to incur harsher penalties if their government is so minded. That has happened to a number of West Indian cricketers, such as the Notts fast bowler F.D. Stephenson whom I saw playing against the MCC on Sunday at Lord's. He may not play at all in the West Indies.

The doyen of English soccer, Sir Stanley Matthews, is blacklisted. His crime is going annually to South Africa to coach young black players who long to compete with foreign teams but are prevented, though South African soccer is multiracial. Sixty UK cricketers are blacklisted: they have either played multiracial cricket or coached South African non-whites. Australian cricketers and many other sportsmen are similarly smeared.

The intention of the Gleneagles agreement was to force multiracialism in sport as, presumably, was that of the UN special committee. This has been achieved. So what is all the blacklisting for, other than to make blacks and coloureds in South Africa unhappy because their fine players cannot be tested against foreign teams whether at home or abroad?

Continuing this political ban, though the BBC backs it through its sport commentator, Mr Ron Pickering, in defiance of the impartiality enjoined on the BBC by its charter, will make no difference to President Botha's approach to political power sharing any more than it would to Mr Gorbachov's.

A crew of 23 controls the IAAF which terrorized the British Amateur Athletics Board last weekend. One vice-president is from Moscow, whence those not Russian, such as Jews, are persecuted and others are subjected to Soviet rule against their will. There are four other communists, plus a Castro Cuban, whose main interest in human rights is to suppress them. Another seven are from countries far from enthusiastic about democracy and human rights.

The entrance fee for the British to go to the Olympics is to kowtow to the IAAF, with its dubious human rights credentials, on a political point: not on the issue of racial discrimination in athletics as there is none in South Africa.

So far the IAAF has not yet attacked the eligibility to be at Seoul of the US 1984 Olympics distance black runner, Sidney Maree. His parents live in South Africa. While visiting them it is alleged that, like Zola Budd, he attends South African athletics meetings. But losing the USA would be a bigger blow than losing the UK, so the IAAF may not risk it.

South African rugger is fully multiracial. The International Rugby Football Board has therefore given permission for a South African tour by a World XV to be arranged. The British government should not hamper it. South Africa was rightly persuaded to abandon apartheid in sport by the promise that this would enable it to compete with foreign sportsmen. Reneging on this promise will make the South African government still more cynical about the international benefits to be gained if multiracial power sharing is agreed.

We should resist all who threaten to blacklist us if we allow South Africans, black, white and coloured, to compete with our sportsmen. Bravery and fair play are more likely to succeed than cowardice and injustice.

SCIENCE REPORT

Stemming the rot

New strains of genetically engineered tomato plants have been made resistant to virus attack by giving them the virus's own genes to avoid infection. This intriguing development is reported in this month's issue of *Bio/Technology* by Richard S. Nelson and 11 colleagues from Washington University in St Louis, Missouri.

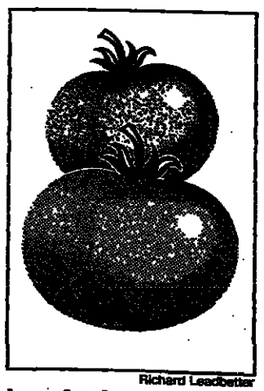
The trick is to transfer from the virus to the plants the genes that normally control production of the virus's coat proteins, which surround its genetic material.

The St Louis group has worked with two viruses which cause serious damage and can reduce commercial tomato crops by a fifth — tobacco mosaic virus (TMV) and tomato mosaic virus (ToMV).

The researchers show that their tomato plants, as well as resisting virus attack, grow just as well as ordinary plants in normal market garden conditions. This is significant, because many early products of genetic engineering came from carefully nurtured laboratory tissue cultures.

Moreover, it seems to have been possible to protect tomatoes against both TMV and ToMV simply by giving them the genes for the coat protein of TMV. Usually, those manipulating plant genes must deal with each infectious agent separately.

TMV is one of the most infectious of all diseases of food plants, and also one of the least choosy. It attacks tobacco, tomatoes, potatoes and related plants but has also been found on grapevines, currants, spinach, buckwheat, beet and even orchids.



Richard Leadbetter

Although superficially similar, ToMV cannot infect as many plants, but it is usually the greater cause of damage to tomatoes. Both viruses rely on the genetic material RNA rather than DNA to subvert the cells of infected plants to replicate themselves.

It is not yet clear how coat protein genes help the engineered plants to combat infection. There may be a clue in Dutch research on tobacco plants (reported in *Nature* two years ago), which showed that among the proteins produced when TMV infects plants cells are some with anti-viral properties.

Plants' natural systems for resisting infection are much less sophisticated than those in mammals, and are not well understood. But traditional plant breeders exploit this natural immunity by "cross protection" in which plants are exposed to mild forms of viruses so that infection by more virulent strains will be less severe. Cross-protecting tomatoes with mild TMV still leaves them vulnerable to ToMV.

Tomato plants have genes that help them to resist infection, but the appearance of ever more virulent strains of ToMV renders these less and less effective. The researchers expect that the direct insertion of virus coat protein genes into plants should complement rather than supersede plants' natural defences.

The transfer of the virus genes has been done using a natural bacterium called *Agrobacterium*, which can infect plant cells and transfer to them pieces of its own DNA. The St Louis researchers engineered *Agrobacterium* so that its DNA included a representation of the RNA genes of TMV coat protein.

The new development is one of several making plants a focus of interest among genetic engineers. Last July Belgian researchers reported the use of *Agrobacterium* to give tobacco plants the capacity to make a toxin that acts as a natural insecticide.

Although it has so far not been as easy to manipulate the genes of the main cereal plants, an Anglo-Swiss team and one from Cologne have reported the transfer of foreign genes to maize and rye respectively.

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TO THE LORDS

The British Constitution exists not to ensure that particular things are done but to regulate, in a manner accepted by all as fair, the way in which things are done and laws are made. It has a letter and even more important a spirit, and it is in the light of both that the role of the House of Lords must be assessed in relation to the Tory backbench revolt against the community charge in the Commons.

This is a measure which *The Times* has supported as a preferable substitute for the present unfair system of local finance by which rates are paid in full by only a third of Britain's voters. Various aspects of it have aroused profound misgivings throughout all wings of the Conservative Party in Parliament and outside. A Tory rebellion in which 38 of the Government's supporters voted against their own leaders and a number abstained, reducing the Government's normal majority of 101 to 25, cannot be shrugged off as a mere irritant.

Nor is it relevant that Mr Michael Mates' amendment to "band" the community charge according to income would, as the Government showed, have brought more problems than it solved. For the common ground of all those supporting the amendment, whether or not they thought it a worthwhile improvement, was dislike of the charge as such. It was in practice a wrecking amendment, undermining the flat rate principle which is the Bill's essence.

That is the position as the Bill goes to the Lords. The Environment Secretary, Mr Nicholas Ridley, has described the majority of 25 as a "good" one. In some parliaments that would have been so. In this one it is not. More seriously, he has said that the unelected Lords have no right to interfere with a "finance Bill" legislating on a measure presented to the electorate in the Tories' manifesto.

This betrays an attitude of mind in the Government which has much to do with the quagmire in which ministers now find themselves. When an internal committee of the Environment Department first produced its community charge, or poll tax scheme, under Mr Kenneth Baker's aegis, a consultation paper was published. But it was essentially a document of philosophy rather than detail. That only emerged later, much of it after the manifesto. Yet the detail is all important and little was done to carry MPs along with it.

The question is now being raised (Mr Ridley seems to flirt with it) whether this is a finance Bill and therefore debarred from amendment by the Lords. This is for the Speaker's office to determine but a reading of Erskine May leaves little doubt that it is not.

A "money Bill" which the Lords must automatically pass under the Parliament Act is concerned with the imposition, repeal or alteration of taxation or charges and debt authorized by Parliament. Taxation in this sense specifically does not include that raised by local authorities. In any case, it is hard to see that a Bill concerned with tax structure as distinct from actual taxation qualifies as a money Bill.

More important, this is a social Bill with wider implications. Even if it could be categorized as a money Bill, that would be a cheap victory for the Government for which it would pay later. As it is, the Constitution gives the Lords a power of delay for effectively one year over non-money Bills and similar powers of amendment. These constitutional instruments are there for use if the Lords think there to be a proper case for doing so.

It is not that the Commons' vote failed to express the "will of the people" clearly, as Lord St John of Fawsley put it. It is rather that the politically sovereign House of Commons majority showed itself unclear and split. Even within the Cabinet itself the Bill has opponents. In these circumstances, it is up to the Lords to look carefully to their constitutional duty.

If they chose to amend the Bill and their amendments are not acceptable to the Commons, the delay will seriously upset the Government's timetable. That cannot be helped. A system which enabled a whipped Commons majority to force through legislation of this importance on the crude "one is enough" principle would be a bad system. The House of Lords exists to revise and give an opportunity for second thoughts. It has a serious constitutional responsibilty which is more important than any one Bill, however good in principle, of any one government.

TROUBLE FOR IRAN

This has been a bad week for Iran. It has lost a key section of territory and its ships and oil platforms have felt the force of American arms. It could turn out to have been a good week, however, for those who are seeking peace in the Gulf War.

The difficulty of bringing the war to an end after nearly eight years of pointless slaughter has rested on Tehran's ability to fight on. Baghdad began seeking peace immediately after its original offensive ground to a premature halt – and eagerly accepted the Security Council's resolution 598 last July. The Iranians, seeking revenge against the aggressor, battled on.

This year the Iraqis stepped up the pace – by the use of poison gas and by the so-called "war of the cities", the pumping of long-range missiles into Iran's population centres. It was they who began attacking tankers in the Gulf – in an attempt to internationalize the conflict and relieve the pressure on their beleaguered troops on land.

But the Iranians have battled on none the less. Despite being diplomatically isolated and financially depleted, they have not only held their ground in what has become a conflict of attrition, but for most of the time have held the military initiative. If either side was going to win, it looked as if it would be Iran.

But now the course of the war might just be changing. By recapturing the Faw peninsula, occupied by Iranian forces for two years, Iraq has struck a psychological blow which even Tehran's mullahs, not known for their rational assessment of gains and losses, have clearly felt. "Time", said Mr Rafsanjani, the Speaker of Iran's Parliament, yesterday, "is no longer on our side."

For one thing, Iran is growing short of available manpower. Mr Rafsanjani's call for volunteers contained a note of urgent desperation. Their last big mobilization campaign five months ago was considered by outside analysts to have fallen well short of their target. Their failure to mount an offensive in the winter probably reflected this. Now it is Iraq, its Soviet-built armour and engineering equipment taking advantage of the firmer ground this spring, which is inflicting the first reversal for several years on the Iranians.

Their oil exports (on which they rely, almost exclusively, for foreign exchange) have been significantly reduced as a result of Iraq's renewed attacks on visiting tankers. The falling dollar has also diminished their revenue. Without the support of well-heeled allies to foot the bills, they rely totally on this income to buy arms on the open market.

This week's clashes with the US Navy, which resulted in the destruction of two oil platforms and several ships have further damaged their supply lines and defences. For all the talk of revenge, Iran is in no position to sustain such losses – and must fear more to come.

Although Iraq, not Iran, began the Gulf War – and has caused it to impinge upon the economies of the Western powers – the place on which to bring pressure to achieve peace remains Tehran. Iraq's strategic objective is to extricate itself from the threat of disaster. The Iranians need to be forced to the negotiating table.

It has been clear for some time that, given the irrational behaviour of the mullahs, the only way to do this would be by removing the Iranians' ability to wage war. The attempt to mount an arms embargo against them foundered last year on the myopic perceptions of self-interest among the powers. But Iran's war effort now looks at last as if it may be in real trouble.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Copying as an aid in research

From the Chief Executive of the Library Association

Sir, The general secretaries of the Society of Authors and the Writers' Guild ask the Government (April 14) to reverse its decision of last month and exclude the copying of material for commercial research from the scope of "fair dealing" under the new Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill.

The Library Association fully supports the principle that the creative work of authors should be rewarded and their intellectual property protected. However, this principle needs to be implemented in a reasonable way which does not create major administrative problems for users and librarians.

In the case of scientific and technical journals it is already common practice for publishers to charge a higher price to libraries, knowing that articles will be widely consulted and copied as a normal part of the functions of the library. The exceptions which have traditionally applied to copyright restrictions under the "fair dealing" provision bring benefits to authors and publishers as well as to users.

There are truly awesome difficulties in defining what should constitute "commercial research". There is also the consideration that one does not want to place difficulties in the path of British industry for the sake of applying a principle in extreme form bringing little benefit to copyright owners.

During the second reading debate in the Lords this was the issue on which the original text of the Bill was most widely criticised. The criticism came from such widely different organisations as the Library Association and the Confederation of British Industry. It was only after the persistent canvassing of alternatives that the Government adopted its present position.

It is greatly to be hoped that the thorough and prolonged work in the House of Lords on this point will not be undone in what is unfortunately bound now to be a curtailed and perhaps even perfunctory consideration of the issue in standing committee in the Commons.

Yours faithfully,
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April 15.

Safeguards on gene research

From the Chairman of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution

Sir, I read with interest your leading article of April 11, "Dangers in gene research". You will be pleased to hear that the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution is currently studying all the issues raised in your leader. We shall be publishing towards the end of this year a report on the environmental implications of the release of genetically-engineered organisms. In carrying out the study the commission is receiving evidence from both proponents and opponents of using genetically-engineered organisms.

There have only been a handful of applications to release genetically-engineered organisms in the UK. The royal commission is satisfied that the Health and Safety Executive's Advisory Committee on Genetic Manipulation is investigating each one thoroughly before advising whether release can take place. We think a cautious approach, considering all potential hazards, is essential.

One of the matters to which the commission is giving the closest consideration is the question of statutory backing for the approval system. The commission's present view is that notification of proposals for release should be obligatory, and that release should not take place without prior approval from an appropriate body.

Yours faithfully,
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April 15.

The nature of terrorism

From Rabbi Dr Sidney Brichto

Sir, In your first leader on April 13 you have asserted:

Finally there must be an abandoning of the notion that terrorism is caused by the injustices in whose name it is committed.

This declaration that there cannot be even the slightest moral basis for the type of terrorism we have experienced in recent decades is immensely significant. It should be imprinted on the minds of every politician, priest and journalist!

When those who help form opinions and influence behaviour *declare*, as you have done, that terrorism is "the product of the will to power, the desire to dominate, and similar disorders of the soul" we may cease to see on our television screens the shameful act of the Minister of the Interior of Algeria shaking the hand of one of the terrorists not long after two hostages were murdered and thrown on to the tarmac, perhaps by the very same hand.

International terrorism is a total war against civilization and until this is accepted as an absolute moral truth, allowing no compromise, it will not be defeated.

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Science obstacle

From Dr M. Worwood

Sir, In the Richard Dimbleby lecture (report, April 11) Professor Sir George Porter eloquently showed how the strength of British science is being eroded by a Government with little interest in or understanding of its value.

The social security "reforms" may have as devastating effect on the future of British science as any of the other deficiencies described by Sir George Porter. PhD students provide the next generation of professional scientists as well as carrying out a significant part of today's research. Many receive grants from the Medical Research Council and other funding bodies. Their only income in many cases is the cost-of-living grant of £2,900 - 3,050 per year. PhD students work long hours throughout the year and need to live near the laboratory. They usually have to compete with undergraduates for rented accommodation.

Government ministers are no doubt satisfied that by denying housing benefit to students under the new rules they are diverting money to more deserving cases.

The effect on PhD students is illustrated by the case of one of our students who receives a grant of £57 per week and pays £25 per week in rent and rates. The immediate withdrawal of housing benefit of £7 per week (last year it was more) effectively reduces the value of the grant by several hundred pounds per year.

Clearly the real problem is not the loss of benefit but the inadequate grant. Unless the grants for PhD students are improved immediately there are likely to be very few good applicants for studentships in the future. Why should a graduate with a good honours degree live in poverty for three years or more in order to qualify for an uncertain future in a profession in which most posts are for three to five years' duration and in which salaries do not compete with those in medicine, the law or in finance?

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Sharpeville six

From Mr Geoffrey Bindman

Sir, In response to your well-aimed editorial criticism (March 16) of the conviction and death sentences on the "Sharpeville six", the South African Chargé d'Affaires, Mr Justus de Goede (March 28) seeks to exonerate his country's courts by pointing out that, when they applied the "common purpose" doctrine, they followed English precedents.

His letter is a good illustration of the disinformation propagated by the South African Government about the character of its legal system. The technique is to present a picture of judges, closely resembling their British counterparts, impartially weighing evidence according to established rules, many of them adopted from English precedents. Unfortunately, the picture is incomplete: it omits the bias of most judges against opponents of the regime who are thereby denied justice.

Even if the facts were as found by the court, which is highly unlikely, the English precedents cited by Mr de Goede only support the murder convictions by distorting them beyond recognition. The English cases are concerned with joint criminal enterprises, like the gang of burglars one of whom kills the householder.

To regard the Sharpeville rent protests in this way is comparable to convicting all those who participated in the slightest degree in the disturbances at the Heysel Stadium for the killing of those who died.

The most telling demonstration of judicial bias was the imposition of the death penalty, not permitted by South African law where there are extenuating circumstances. Could a truly impartial judge fail to find extenuating circumstances to save from the gallows six young people who, he had held, were only peripherally involved in the killing?

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY BINDMAN,
Bindman and Partners, Solicitors,
1 Euston Road,
King's Cross, NW1.
April 12.

The Prince's task

From Lieutenant-Colonel J. D. N. Retallack

Sir, In last Monday's *Panorama* programme, "Charles, Prince of Conscience", Mr Tebbit was being disingenuous. There is no danger in the Prince of Wales's urgent and concerned leadership in a number of difficult social problems. It is, in any case, what he is there to do (Mr Ronald Butt's article today).

The danger lies in the Government's ham-fistedness, in some of its policies, and in its presentation and administration of those policies. I heard today of a DHSS officer being sent on a course, next Monday, to learn the intricacies of the new benefit system – that is, after, not before, the new system started. With such lack of preplanning, a whelk-stall would fail to make a profit.

As the old neighbourliness of street and village and family cohesiveness breaks down under modern pressures there is an even greater moral obligation on all of us, as individuals, or through charitable work, to tidy up the many loose ends of an overweening, centrally-directed system of social security. The prince's contribution is invaluable, and an encouragement to those who try to play a smaller part.

Yours faithfully,
J. D. N. RETALLACK,
K5 Sloane Avenue Mansions,
Sloane Avenue, SW3.
April 14.

Through the fog

From Deputy Assistant Commissioner R. B. Wells

Sir, Although I was very grateful for the interest and support for our campaign for clearer English shown in your report and leader (April 12), a couple of points need clarifying.

Along with others, you write rather unkindly about "Newmanspeak", seeming to lay the ills of our management jargon at Sir Kenneth's feet alone. This does less than justice to a man who was, on most occasions, a very direct and forthright speaker and who was, after all, the initiator of the working group set up to simplify our language.

Constables amongst your readers (now, incidentally, more likely to be on computers or word processors than "Dixons" on typewriters) will also be disappointed – and misled – by the emphasis of your leading article, which suggests that we will be concentrating on getting them to stop "proceeding in a westerly direction". There is an admitted difficulty of our talking of "male persons in premises" rather than "men in houses" and "decamping from vehicles" rather than "running away from cars", but it is more quaint than harmful.

For the moment, however, I am much more concerned with our management jargon and with making more simple the messages we pass from the top downward, rather than reports from constables upward. That can, as I suspect in other large organisations, make unnecessary problems in converting policy into effective action.

Yours simply,
RICHARD WELLS,
Metropolitan Police,
No 7 Area Headquarters,
3 The Mall, Kenton,
Harrow, Middlesex.
April 14.

Degree of care

From Mr M. C. Corfield

Sir, Andrew Billen, in reporting on a new degree course in conservation (Arts Diary, April 9), refers to resentment of museum conservators at being "classed as artisans".

It is many years since either they or other conservators have been so classed.

We have long had our training acknowledged by postgraduate diplomas, and for the last 12 years there have been first degree courses in conservation. At Gateshead, paintings conservators have been granted master degree status, and the course for conservators of works on paper at Camberwell College of Art has recently been raised to degree status.

Conservation training is exacting. Trainees must possess both the manual skills to carry out skilled and wide-ranging practical work on historic and artistic objects and a high degree of knowledge of the scientific properties of the objects and materials which they are trying to preserve. Conservators are also increasingly involved in providing the right conditions of humidity, temperature and light for museum collections.

Hardly, Sir, the work of artisans, but an area of activity in which the two great disciplines of art and science meet on equal terms.

Yours faithfully,
M. C. CORFIELD (Chairman,
United Kingdom Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works),
37 Upper Addison Gardens, W14.

Period res.

From Mrs Elizabeth Percival

Sir, I read with great interest of the neo-Tudor house which Mr Royal has built in Norfolk (report, April 11).

My husband's grandfather engaged in a similar enterprise early in this century. Over a period of years he collected ancient building materials, including beams reputed to be from one of the ships which had fought against the Spanish Armada and a gate from Newgate Prison, which subsequently became the front door of the delightful small "Elizabethan manor house", appropriately named The Old House, which he ultimately built in The Rose Walk, Purley. Great was his delight when a member of the Antiquarian Society was fooled as to the house's real age!

The house was the subject of a photographic feature article in *The Ideal Home* of October, 1920. Entitled "The Residence of H.M. Thornton, Esq." the article concluded with these words:

This house and its grounds are most unique and although of recent construction it has all the appearances of a real old-time house.

Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH PERCIVAL,
Clugan,
17 Southwell Park Road,
Camberley, Surrey.
April 14.

Smoking and health

From Mr A. D. C. Turner

Sir, The opening paragraph of the summary of recommendations within the Independent Scientific Committee on Smoking and Health's Fourth Report reads as follows:

It is essential that more smokers are encouraged to stop smoking and that non-smokers are strongly discouraged from starting. Government should consider all options open to them.

How then does this square with the committee's chairman writing (April 5) to criticise Mr Utley's article on the report (March 29) by protesting that the authors are "no part" of an "official crusade against smoking" and "still less is [the committee] in the business of putting down smoking"?

Yours faithfully,
A. D. C. TURNER,
(Director, Public Affairs),
Tobacco Advisory Council,
Glen House, Stag Place, SW1.
April 5.

Words of wisdom

From Mr John B. Murphy

Sir, Our child will be born in a few weeks. What statement can be made to this person which will remain true throughout a lifetime?

Yours sincerely,
JOHN MURPHY,
23 Cephas Avenue, E1.
April 15.

A dressing down

From Mr Tommy Nutter

Sir, Unfortunately the article, "Crisis for the gentlemen of the cloth" by Deyan Sudjic (April 16), to my mind came across as a rather dismissive image of Savile Row.

Of course we have the more established companies along the street, without whom there would be no "Row", but I personally have tried to add a touch of modernity, combining traditional values of good taste with a more individual look, an ingredient that I feel lends a good balance.

As for the Hardy Amies exquisite showroom at no. 14 being likened to a *Holiday Inn* foyer, this is a totally false and misleading comparison.

With Gieves & Hawkes now fully re-vamped and showing very stylish window displays at no. 1, along with my own far from "frosted and curtained" window areas at no. 19, I feel that the piece gave Savile Row a very "raw deal" – there's life in the "old girl" yet!

Yours faithfully,
TOMMY NUTTER,
19 Savile Row, W1.

JPs and probation

From the Chairman of the Magistrates' Association

Sir, Your report, "JPs losing faith in probation service" (April 18), emphasized one of the few mildly critical passages from my 45-minute speech to the senior probation officers' conference last Saturday. Though I say it myself, this speech was hailed by the conference as constructive, balanced and very reasonable.

Among several complimentary passages in the speech, I stated:

I remain overwhelmingly full of praise for the service's work and full of optimism for its future.

Yours,
J. E. HOSKING,
Chairman of Council,
The Magistrates' Association,
28 Fitzroy Square, W1.
April 18.

Voices unto the Lord

From Mr John Phillips

Sir, As the surveyor to the fabric of Westminster Cathedral and a number of listed Anglican churches, including two in the parish of Churchwarden Murray (April 7), I am not so enthusiastic about our feathered friends. I can assure your readers that, whilst their song may delight, the end product of the natural functions of pigeons, be they Protestant or Catholic, is not appreciated by worshippers entering the cathedral.

Reluctantly we have been forced to use netting to cover the area above and around the main entrance from the piazza in an attempt to stop pigeon-spotting. We would quite like to be unecumenical and send the pigeons up Victoria Street to the abbey!

I will accept peacocks, (Mr Clarke's letter of April 16); at least they spend most of their time on the ground. Incidentally they have preceded the Yuppie trek to Docklands as there have been peacocks in Poplar rectory garden for at least 12 years.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN PHILLIPS,
55 Britton Street, EC1.
April 18.

Easy to swallow

From Mr Robert Stuart

Sir, In your obituary of former US Congressman Mr James Domengeaux today (April 15) you refer to a dinner served on Capitol Hill during the Second World War at which the consumption of muskrat was featured.

Muskrat can make a very good meal, stewed with wild rice and herbs or roasted over a camp fire. Its flesh, succulent and tender, is rather fat, giving it a likeness to wild goose. The Ojibwa Indians, whom I knew in my youth in Wabigoon, North Ontario, preferred it to rabbit.

Many people at that time were eating muskrat without knowing it, served under the names marsh rabbit, marsh hare and terrapin.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT STUART,
62 Thames Road, Chiswick, W4.
April 15.

Wrong number

From Ms Caroline Bethune

Sir, Your recent correspondent (April 11) who wondered about "numerate gradnates" may have been on to something. Our local paper this week carries a large advertisement from a well-known employment agency specialising in accountancy personnel, offering graduates "an opportunity to be remunerated for results".

Creative accounting?

Yours faithfully,
CAROLINE BETHUNE,
All Saints Cottage,
Queens Road,
Alton, Hampshire.
April 13.

ON THIS DAY

APRIL 20 1908

Edward VII bought the Sandringham estate while he was still Prince of Wales and spent large sums of money having it enlarged and improved. The Norwich gates, to which the report refers, consist of sumptuously cast and wrought ironwork and were given to the prince as a wedding present by the county of Norfolk

THE QUEEN AND SANDRINGHAM.

The King, accompanied by Lord Redesdale, and attended by General Sir Dighton Probyn, V.C., and Major G. Holford, left Buckingham Palace on Saturday afternoon for Sandringham. . .

The King's brief visit . . .was to enable his Majesty finally to approve of plans which have been prepared for the carrying out of improvements on the Royal estate. Considerable havoc was wrought by the gale a few weeks ago, and in consequence extensive alterations were rendered necessary, due chiefly to the fact that the famous avenue of elms and limes leading from the Norwich gates to the main entrance to the mansion was destroyed. Some of these trees were upwards of two hundred years old, and their destruction exposed the house to the public view through the Norwich gates from the main country road. The trees that survived the gale have been cut down, and now on the north side of the mansion there is nothing more than a wide expanse of barren ground. When the King was last at Sandringham, he provisionally approved of plans which had as their chief feature the removal of the Norwich gates from their present position to a site facing the kitchen gardens on the east of the demesne. A new avenue, running east to west, was to have been raised, while the destroyed avenue was to have been replanted and, pending its growth, the tall garden wall which now partly encircles the Royal park and grounds was to have been carried over the original site of the Norwich gates. The carrying out of these plans would have ensured a complete privacy for the Royal residence, which would have been approached by an entirely new road. The King has bestowed Sandringham on the Queen as a dower house . . . Elaborate plans were prepared, and the Royal grounds were staked out so that the Queen might easily realize the effect of the proposed alterations, and her Majesty gave much attention to them when she paid her short visit to Sandringham at the beginning of last week with the Empress Marie.

As a result, the original scheme of alterations and improvements has been practically abandoned, and the introduction of some entirely original ideas by her Majesty substituted . . .In the revised plans great taste has been displayed, and when the work is completed, as it is to be before their Majesties go into residence there again in the autumn, the approach to Sandringham will be far more picturesque than it is at the present time. Instead of the Norwich gates being rebuilt opposite the kitchen gardens, they are to be carried forward several hundred yards to the north in a direct line with their present position, and are to be placed in the centre of the famous Dersingham avenue, which is virtually a continuation of the old avenue . . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 19: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, visited the Isles of Scilly today.

His Royal Highness, attended by Mr. David Landale, travelled in the Royal Train.

The Princess of Wales this morning opened the Bradwell Hospital for the Elderly, Bradwell, Newcastle-under-Lyme.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Turning Point, subsequently opened the Organization's Stoke-on-Trent Drugs Service in the Hope Street Centre, 76-82 Hope Street, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Commander Richard Aylard, R.N. were in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester, President, National Association of Boys' Clubs, this afternoon opened the Association's new Headquarters at 369 Kennington Lane, London SE11.

Lt Col Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
April 19: Princess Alexandra this morning opened the Princess Dental Wing of Kingston Hospital, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.

Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
April 19: The Duke of Kent, Vice Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, today left Royal Air Force Northolt in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight for Switzerland.

His Royal Highness was received upon arrival at Northolt by His Excellency Monsieur François-Charles Pictet (Ambassador of Switzerland) and Mr. Paul Isolani-Smyth (representing the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

Sir Richard Buckley is in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent today visited Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and opened Brown, Knight and Truscott Limited's new printing factory. Later Her Royal Highness visited the Kent and Sussex Hospital and planted a tree at "The Grove."

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Miss Sarah Partridge.

Sir Denis Hamilton
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Denis Hamilton will be held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, on Tuesday, May 24, 1988, at noon.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, will present the Cornwall Business Challenge Awards at County Hall, Truro, at 12.50; will visit Channel Foods at 2.00; Poyntz and BLP Fisheries at 3.05; and Spectra Automotive Products at 3.50. Later he will open an exhibition at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, at 6.30 to mark the quattrocentenary of the Spanish Armada.

The Princess of Wales, Patron of the London City Ballet, will attend a dog racing evening at Wembley Stadium at 7.30 in aid of the charity.

The Princess Royal, Past Master of the Farriers' Company, will attend a luncheon at the Derby Stables, Epsom, Surrey, at 12.30; as President of the Royal Yachting Association, will attend a council meeting at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, Knightsbridge, at 4.10; and, as Honorary Fellow of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, will attend the institution's Council Dining Club dinner at Savoy Place at 7.15.

Princess Margaret, President of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, will open the London Communications Centre, 16 Hatton Garden, at 3.00.

Princess Alexandra, Patron of the Ocean Youth Club, will attend a concert at the Mansion House at 7.20 in aid of the club.

Lectures

Gallipoli Memorial Lecture Trust
The Archbishop of Canterbury delivered the 1988 Gallipoli Memorial lecture at Holy Trinity, Eltham, last night. The Rev C. Lowson and Major-General A.J. Trythall, Chairman of the Gallipoli Memorial Lecture Trust, were the hosts. Members of the Diplomatic Corps, HM Forces, the Church and Gallipoli veterans were among others present.

Action for Dysphasic Adults
Professor Max Coltheart delivered the annual Mary Law memorial lecture at the Cavendish Conference Centre yesterday. Mr John Travers Clarke, Chairman of Action for Dysphasic Adults, accompanied by Miss Diana Law, president, presided.

Luncheons

Glovers' Company
Mr Kenneth D. St. John Smith, Master of the Glovers' Company, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at Painter-Stainers' Hall. The Commanding Officer of the 21st Special Air Service Regiment (Artists) Volunteers, also spoke.

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
Mr Michael G. Clark, President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, gave a luncheon yesterday at 12 Great George Street in honour of the Hon William Waldegrave, Minister for Housing and Planning.

Birthdays today

Mr W.J.L. Baillie, painter, 65; Professor D.W. Bowett, QC, former president, Queen's College, Cambridge, 61; Mr Ray Brooks, actor, 49; the Right Rev F.C. Darwent, Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney, 61; the Rev John G. Davies, theologian, 69; Major-General Sir Charles Dunphie, 86; Dr Francis Fish, Dean, School of Pharmacy, London University, 64; Sir Arnold France, former chairman, Board of Inland Revenue, 77; Mr John Eliot Gardiner, conductor, 45; Mr Eddie Kulukundis, theatrical producer, 56; Mr Leslie Phillips, actor, 64; Sir Hilton Ponyton, civil servant, 83; Mr Christopher Robinson, Organist and Master of the Choristers, St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, 52; Professor G.O. Sayles, modern historian, 87; Mr R.J. Smith, chairman, Trimoco, 49; Miss Jean Southworth, QC, 62; Mr Henry Wrong, director, Barbican Centre, 58.

Memorial services

Miss V. Hudson
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Miss Verity Hudson was held yesterday at St Paul's, Covent Garden. The Rev Michael Hurst-Bannister, Senior Chaplain of the Actors' Church Union, officiated. Miss Katie Boyle read *Burnt Norton* by T.S. Eliot and Miss Gwen Watford read *Cymbeline* by William Shakespeare. Sir Peter Saunders gave an address. Miss Pamela Charles sang *This is our Secret* from *Water Gipsies* by A P Herbert and Vivian Ellis and Miss Avril Angus sang *If Love Were All* by Noel Coward.

Mr John D Mabbott
A memorial service for Mr John D Mabbott, Honorary Fellow and past-President of St John's College, Oxford, will be held at the University Church of Saint Mary the Virgin, High Street, Oxford, on Saturday, April 30, 1988, at 3.00 pm.

THE THYSSEN MASTERPIECES



Although neither dated nor signed, Still Life With Chinese Porcelain Bowl and Ewer is one of the most lavish of Willem Kalf's still lifes, executed some years after he settled in Amsterdam in 1653.

In one sense it conforms to the type that Kalf made peculiarly his own in its combination of rich Turkey carpets spread carelessly over tables, and topped by Chinese porcelain and fruit. In another sense, however, it is unique.

Like many of his fellow artists, Kalf was a dealer in works of art as well as a painter and it is generally assumed that the various objects that recur in his pictures were part of his stock. By contrast, the Chinese porcelain bowl and ewer which figure so prominently in this canvas are never repeated.

Even in Kalf's time they would have been regarded as rare collectors' pieces. Both can be dated to the second half of the sixteenth century. How Kalf came across these treasures remains a mystery.

Kalf's Still Life is on show in the Thyssen-Bornemisza Collection, sponsored by The Times, at the Royal Academy until June 12.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.J. Adams and Mrs L.J. Northern
The engagement is announced between Christopher John, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.A. Adams, of Stoke Bishop, Bristol, and Lois Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.S. Brooks, of Barton Seagrave, Northamptonshire.

Mr J.R. Ecroyd and Miss E.L. Blanchard
The engagement is announced between John Rupert, elder son of Mr Richard Ecroyd, of Credenhill, Herefordshire, and Mrs Joanna Prettijohn, of Cairns, Australia, and Eleanor Louise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Blanchard, of Broadway, Worcestershire, and lately of Winchcombe, Gloucestershire.

Captain H.C.H. Ellison and Miss S.A. Montagu
The engagement is announced between Crispin Ellison, RTR, son of His Honour John and Mrs Ellison, of Goose Green, Egham, Surrey, and Sally Ann, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs J.D. Montagu, of Freshwater Bay, Isle of Wight.

Mr D.P. Fox and Miss H.E. Tite
The engagement is announced between Dominic Fox, RHA, younger son of Mr and Mrs M.E.G. Fox, of Chingford, London, and Helen, only daughter of Squadron Leader and Mrs L.D.C. Tite, of Solva, Pembrokeshire.

Mr E.A. Kanaris and Miss A.M. Fiddes
The engagement is announced between Elias, son of Mr and Mrs A. Kanaris, of Wimbledon, and Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Fiddes, of Edinburgh.

Mr R.L.W. Kippax and Miss J.M. Coombs
The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Dr N. and Dr R. Kippax, of Butleigh, Somerset, and Joanna, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.D. Coombs, of Ledbury, Herefordshire.

Mr K. Sidaway and Miss N.M. Watson
The engagement is announced between Keith, younger son of the late Mr F. Sidaway and of Mrs A. Sidaway, of Newcastle, and Nicola Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.S. Watson, of Southport.

Marriages

Mr E. Koenig and Miss C. Latham-Koenig
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 9, at St Mary's, Holly Place, Hampstead, between Mr Edouard Koenig, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Edouard Koenig, of Forest Side, Mauritius, and Miss Cecile Latham-Koenig, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Alfred Latham-Koenig, of Nassington Road, Hampstead.

A reception was held afterwards at the Savile Club.

Mr R.M. Davidson and Miss J.D. Guitart
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 9, at the Church of St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall in the City of London between Mr Russell Mark Davidson and Miss Jacqueline Deborah Guitart. The Rev David Burgess officiated.

Mr N.P. Stahayeff and Miss A.F. Stagnetto
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 9, 1988, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, London, W1, of Mr Nicholas Peter Stahayeff, son of the late Mr Peter Stahayeff and of Mrs Ann Stahayeff, to Miss Antoinette Fiona Stagnetto, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles J. Stagnetto. Father Ney officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Michaela Stagnetto, Miss Lucy Browning and Miss Charlotte Carson. Mr Lucius Edward O'Brien was best man.

The reception was held at the Institute of Directors, London, W1, and the honeymoon is being spent in Hawaii.

Dinners

Speaker
The Speaker and Mrs Weatherill gave a dinner at Speaker's House yesterday in honour of a Parliamentary Delegation from the Soviet Union led by Mr Avgust Eduardovich Voss, Chairman of the Council of Nationalities of the Supreme Soviet. The Soviet Ambassador and Mme Zamyatina and Mr David Mellor, QC, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and Mrs Mellor were present. Other guests were:

Lord Aberdare, Viscount Whitelaw, CH, and Viscountess Whitelaw, Mr David Howell, MP, and Mrs Howell, Miss Betty Boothroyd, MP, Mr Martin Flannery, MP, and Mrs Flannery, Sir Russell Johnston, MP, the Hon Sir Charles Morrison, MP, Mr Nigel Spearing, MP, and Mrs Spearing, Mr Kenneth Warren, MP, and Mrs Warren, Mr and Mrs Peter Bacon, Mr and Mrs Clifford Boulton, Mr and Mrs John Holmes, Mr and Mrs Valeri Krasnov, the Dean of Westminster and Mrs Mayne and Mr and Mrs Peter Kilcatt.

Saints and Sinners Club
King Constantine of the Hellenes was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Saints and Sinners Club held last night at the Savoy Hotel. Mr Ned Sherrin, chairman, presided. Mr Ronnie Corbett and Mr Percy Hoskins, founder and president, also spoke. Afterwards Mr Sherrin installed Mr Richard Morris as his successor for the ensuing year.

Freemen of the City of London of North America
The annual dinner was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Canada, on April 16. Mr D.G. (Mike) Watson-Challis (Farriers) was installed as Master; Mr Gerry R. Wooll (Air Pilots and Air Navigators) as Deputy Master, for the 1988-1989 year. The Principal speaker was Mr Gerry Wooll.

Army Board
The Hon Timothy Sainsbury, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Defence Procurement, presided at a dinner given by the Army Board at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, yesterday in honour of General Kemal Yamak, Commander Land Forces, Turkey.

Royal Society of Medicine
Professor Sir Gordon Robson, President of the Royal Society of Medicine, accompanied by Lady Robson, presided at a dinner held last night at the Society's House after Sir Patrick Nairne delivered the Jephcott lecture at a meeting of council.

Service dinner
Headquarters Strike Command
Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Harding, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Strike Command, and Lady Harding received the guests at a ladies' guest night held at Headquarters Strike Command last night. Group Captain C.D. Alexander presided.

Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea
The Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea was host at a dinner held last night at Kensington Town Hall.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Roger F Sainsbury, Vicar, St Matthew, Walsall, in the diocese of Lichfield, is to be Archdeacon of West Ham, in the diocese of Chelmsford, succeeding the Ven Peter S Dawes, Bishop-designate of Derby.

The Rev Brian C Ashley, Vicar, Mosborough, diocese Sheffield: to be Priest-in-charge, Curbar and Stoney Middleton, diocese Derby.

The Rev Francis H Doe, Rector, Slopham and Fittleworth, diocese Chichester: to be *also* Rural Dean of Petworth, same diocese.

The Rev Richard B Dorrington, Rector, Badger, Beckbury, and Ryton, diocese Lichfield: to be Rector, Geddington w. Weekley, diocese Peterborough.

The Rev Michael R Crumpton, Vicar, Moxley, diocese Lichfield: to be *also* part-time Chaplain, Moxley Hospital, same diocese.

The Rev William Gibbs, Vicar, Guilsborough w Hollowell and Cold Ashby, diocese Peterborough: to be Priest-in-charge, Collyweston w. Great Creaton and Thornby, same diocese.

The Rev Peter Gompertz, Vicar, St Giles, Northampton, diocese Peterborough: to be *also* non-residentiary Canon of Peterborough Cathedral, same diocese.

The Rev Michael F H Gray, Curate (NSM), Whyke St George w. Rumboldswyke St Mary and Portfield All Saints, diocese Chichester: to be a Team Vicar (stipendiary) in the Crawley St John the Baptist Team Ministry, same diocese.

The Rev Stephen P Hall, Curate, Camberwell St Giles, diocese Southwark: to be Chaplain in the Brighton Student Chaplaincy, same diocese.

The Rev Susan E Irwin, Deacon, Caterham, diocese Southwark: to be Deacon, Kidlington Team Ministry, diocese Oxford.

The Rev Bruce Lamb, Resident Minister, Etching Hill, Rugeley, diocese Lichfield: to be the incumbent, Trent Vale, same diocese.

The Rev Alison E Meere, Parish Deacon, Christ Church, Hengrove, diocese Bristol: to be Parish Deacon, Winterbourne, same diocese.

The Rev David T N Parry, Vicar, St Peter, Wesleigh, diocese Manchester: to be Rector, East Farnworth and Kearsley, same diocese.

The Rev Robert E Peake, Curate, St Barnabas, Lindale, diocese Oxford: to be Team Vicar, Great Cheesham Team Ministry (with responsibility for Christ Church and St George's), same diocese.

The Rev Peter M Potter, Assistant Curate, Holy Trinity, Bradford-on-Avon, diocese Salisbury: to be Assistant Curate, Harnham, same diocese.

The Rev Timothy D Rawdon-Mogg, Vicar, Woodford Halse w. Eydon, and Priest-in-charge, Preston Capes, diocese Peterborough: to be Vicar, Shuttenham w. Watchfield and Bourton, diocese Oxford.

The Rev Hugh Priestner, Team Vicar, Glendale group, diocese Newcastle: to be Full-time Chaplain to the Stafford hospitals, diocese Lichfield.

The Rev David L T Scott, Vicar, Broadheath, Crown East and Rushwick, diocese Worcester: to be Vicar, Lenton, diocese Southwell.

The Rev J Timothy Short, Vicar, St James, Northampton, diocese Peterborough: to be *also* Rural Dean of Wootton, same diocese.

The Rev Anthony C Stratta, Curate, Southborough St Peter w. Christ Church and St Matthew, diocese Rochester: to be the incumbent, Great Mongeham w. Ripple and Sutton by Dover, diocese Canterbury.

The Rev David R H Thomas, Rector, Armitage, diocese Lichfield: to be *also* Rural Dean of Rugeley, same diocese.

The Rev Derek E West, Team Vicar, West Slough Team Ministry, diocese Oxford: to be Community Chaplain in Slough, same diocese.

Resignations and Retirements
The Rev Keith F Dimolene, Curate-in-charge, Dowlish Wake w. Chaffcombe, Knowle St Giles, Cricket Malherbie, Kingstone, Chillington and Cudworth, diocese Bath and Wells: to retire on September 30, 1988.

The Rev Peter B Graham, Rector, Elford, diocese Lichfield: to retire on September 9, 1988.

The Rev Geoffrey A Raymond, Rector, Upavon w. Rushall, diocese Salisbury: to retire.

OBITUARY

DR F. E. JONES

Precision bombing in the dark

Dr Francis Edgar Jones, MBE, FRS, the scientist who, in the last war, led the group that developed OBOE, the precise blind-bombing system used by the Pathfinder Force of the RAF, died on April 10, at the age of 74.

A ground-controlled system of blind bombing, OBOE indicated a track along which aircraft could fly, and the precise release point over the target for their bomb loads. Though he was not OBOE's inventor, Jones's leadership was decisive in getting the device accepted by Bomber Command.

Graduating from King's College London shortly before the war, Jones was recruited to the Telecommunications Research Establishment for work on radar, and he spent a useful year calibrating radars of the coastal chain; which proved so vital in the Battle of Britain.

He was then selected to lead the OBOE project, which has been called the "joker in the pack" of TRE devices. Some doubted if it could ever be a useful tool for the RAF. Jones ("FE" as he was known by colleagues) saw its potential and inspired a small but dedicated team of scientists to develop it.

The result was a blind bombing device of an accuracy which had not been previously achieved. Jones persuaded Bomber Command to try it out, and this was succesfully done by Don Bennett's PFF in a raid on the Ruhr in December 1942. Of all "FE's" achievements the creation of OBOE must rank as his greatest.

Just after the end of the war many of its scientists left TRE but Jones believed that wartime advances in electronics were only the beginning of a new era. Many worthwhile avenues of research had been left unexplored: among them millimetre waves, solid state electronics and microelectronics.

W. B. Lewis, then Director of TRE, persuaded him to set up an experimental physics group which would form a new Physics Department. Lewis's departure for Canada in the following year put the future of this in jeopardy, but, determined to ensure its survival, Jones recruited a number of able young scientists and moulded them into a research team, which became of one of the most successful groups in modern semiconductor electronics (which, for example, made the computer possible). It is now the Research Group of Royal Signals and Radar Establishment, Malvern.

After a period as Deputy Director of the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, Jones joined the board of Mullards and became managing director. There he played a major part in setting up semiconductor manufacture in this country.

Jones served on many public bodies. As a member of the Inland Transport Research & Development Council he helped set up the Rail Research Laboratories at Derby, which devised the Advanced Passenger Train and the suspension system of the High Speed Train.

In 1967 he chaired the Working Group on the Migration of Scientists to the USA, whose report prompted the Civil Service Commission to try to reverse the flow westwards.

Jones ceaselessly questioned industrial practice as he saw it. Through papers and lectures he preached his gospel that the main function of industry was to create wealth for the nation and he continually sought support from other industrial leaders and from government for this view.

In retirement from Mullards Jones was a member of the Monopolies & Mergers Commission, and undertook many other public duties.

"FE" was a man of large and generous personality, who fired others with his enthusiasm. He was a generous host, and a good companion at all times.

The loss of his wife, Jess, in 1985, was a sad blow to him. He leaves four sons and a daughter.

CANON EUSTACE WADE

Canon Eustace Wade, who died on April 16, aged 87, was general secretary of the United Society for Christian Literature from 1961-71, when that missionary organization was taking on a new shape as the "wind of change" was sweeping through the old British colonies.

The breadth of his ministry – he spent a large part of it in Africa – equipped him to cope equably with the changed world of the Britain of the 'Sixties, just as he coped equably with the vicarious fame that came to him as the father of an international sports personality, Virginia Wade.

Eustace Holland Wade was born in 1901, educated at Wadham College, Oxford, and became chaplain at Downing College, Cambridge. Later he returned to Wadham College as chaplain.

In 1938 he went to Paris as chaplain to the British Embassy church, and was there for the first part of the war. On coming home he worked for a time with the Church Missionary Society, then became vicar of Holy Trinity, Bournemouth.

In 1951 he was appointed vicar of St Paul's, Durban, and later Archdeacon of Durban.

The years spent there were a memorable time for the family. (His daughter Virginia wrote later that when she returned to England after fourteen years of childhood in South Africa it took her several years to replace one patriotism with another.)

They came back in 1961 when Wade was appointed to his job at the United Society for Christian Literature, the body, once called the Religious Tract Society, whose history paralleled that of the British Empire. He brought back from Africa fresh perspectives on the needs of what had come to be called the Third World countries.

The emphasis was now to be less on exporting British literature and more on providing training, expertise and funds to enable Christian publishing to take place on the spot. He widened the Society's editorial policy.

It was well-known at the Society's offices that Wade was not keen to take on commitments during Wimbledon fortnight. Himself he described as no more than an "average" tennis player. He claimed no credit for his daughter's skill, but had known early in South Africa that he had a sporting genius on his hands. "She taught herself almost completely, banging a ball against a wall, never giving in or giving up".

He is survived by his wife Joan, a son, Christopher, and two daughters, Judith and Virginia. A second son, Anthony, who died before him, was architect of part of the University of Kent at Canterbury.

BOBBY THOMPSON

Bobby Thompson, comedian, cult figure and folk hero in his native County Durham, has died at the age of 76.

Until this year, when his colourful life was the subject of a Channel 4 television programme, Thompson's was not a name which resounded in the world of showbiz, nationally.

But in that nation within a nation, the North East, the diminutive former miner was held in a regard amounting almost to reverence by audiences for his comedy act, which portrayed the Andy Capp-like figure which gave him his nickname "the little waster".

Thompson had taken to the boards at twenty when the pit he worked in was closed.

Flat-capped, and with Woodbine ever between his lips, he developed an act which reflected the combination of idle dreaming and fecklessness which were endemic in a community where unemployment was the order of the day.

From the club circuit he made his first real break on the radio programme, *Watcher Geordie*, and was soon one of the highest paid entertainers in the North. Gambling and alcohol brought an end to this



first, glittering phase of his career, and he was not at first a success on television.

But he bounced back, returning with vigour to the club circuit, and recouping his losses by hard work and abstinence. This phase, too, was transient, and he lost a second fortune. But he continued his act, and his recent television success was yet another twist in the fortunes of this remarkable man.

He leaves his widow, Cissie.

Sir Eric Law, who retired last year as a Justice of Appeal of Gibraltar's Court of Appeal because of ill health, died on April 16 in Canterbury at the age of 74. He had also served as a Justice of Appeal in the Seychelles.

JOHN REARDON

John Reardon, the American baritone, has died at the age of 58. He was particularly well known for his large repertory, which included many roles in modern operas.

He was born on April 8, 1930, in New York, and studied with the soprano Margaret Harshaw and the baritone Martial Singhier.

Reardon made his début at the New York City Opera in 1954 and at the Metropolitan in 1965, and sang in the latter house for 11 seasons. Among his more notable roles were Iago, Scarpia, Pelléas, and Nick Shadow, which he sang under Stravinsky's baton in his records of *The Rake's Progress*.

He appeared in modern works, by among others, Henze, Penderecki, Menotti, and Douglas Moore.

In Europe, his appearances seem to have been confined to the Spoleto Festival and the Fenice in Venice. He took the part of Schaunard in Beecham's famous recording of *La Bohème*.

Reardon was immensely popular as an actor and singer in films and on television, where his good looks and pleasingly warm baritone were much admired.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Johann Agricola, theologian, Eisleberg, Germany, 1494; Napoleon III, emperor of the French 1852-70, Paris, 1808; Adolph Hitler, Branau am Inn, Austria, 1889; Harold Lloyd, film star, Burchard, Nebraska, 1893; Joan Miro, Abstract painter, Barcelona, 1893.
DEATHS: Canaletto, painter, Venice, 1768; Arthur Young, agriculturist, London, 1820; Bram Stoker, author of *Dracula*, London, 1912.
German massacre of the Jews in the Warsaw ghetto, 1943.

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School announcements

Abbotts Bromley
(School of S Mary and S Anne) (Woodard Corporation)
Summer Term begins today and ends on July 6. Catherine Thorp has been elected head girl. Speeches, preceded by Commemoration, is on May 27, when the preacher will be the Bishop of Taunton and the speaker Professor Brian Fender, Vice-Chancellor of Keele University. S Anne's Festival will be held on June 4. Open Day is on July 2.

Allhallows School, Devon
Summer Term at Allhallows School begins today and ends on Friday, July 8. The confirmation service is on Saturday, May 7; the Bishop of Crediton will officiate. Speech day will be on Saturday, July 2, when the chief guest will be the Very Rev Richard Eyre, Dean of Exeter. Half term is from May 27 until May 31 and the Old Honitonian's cricket week begins on July 11. 1988 is the fiftieth anniversary of the move of Allhallows from Honiton to Rousdon. There will be a gaudy at the school on Sunday, May 8, for all who attended the school in Honiton or who joined it in the first three years at Rousdon. There will also be a golden jubilee ball in the school grounds on Saturday, July 16. Further details of both these events can be obtained from the school.

Beaudesert Park
Summer Term begins today. Any Old Beaudesertians who have not received details of the eightieth anniversary celebrations on Sunday, June 12, please contact the school. An appeal has been launched for a new dining hall and classroom block and indoor swimming pool. The first phase will be completed by the Autumn term.

Bromsgrove School
School convenes this week for the Summer Term. There will be two old Bromsgrovian reunion dinners; Friday, May 13 for the 1965-1980 era and Friday, June 3 for 1945-1965. Further details from the school. The commemoration production of The Tempest will be performed on May 19 and 20. Commemoration is on Saturday, July 2, when the preacher of the Sir Thomas Cookes Sermon will be the Right Rev A.C. Dumper, Bishop of Dudley and the guest of honour at prize giving will be Professor V.M. Drury. Term ends with the leavers ball.

Cheltenham College
Scholarship Awards 1988
Sixth Form: N.E. Anderson, George Abbot Comprehensive, Guildford; C.S. Armstrong, Truro School; L.J. O'Gorman, St Edward's School, Cheltenham; C.E. Roberts, The Ladies' College, Cheltenham; K.E. Thomas, Pate's Grammar School; D.T.P. Wilson, Warwick School.

13+ Academic: T.C. Bastow, Cheltenham College Junior School; P.E.M. Davison, The Dragon School; P.F.C. de Rivaz, Cheltenham College Junior School; N.D. Few, Cheltenham College Junior School; T.C. Harris, Cheltenham College Junior School; S.W. I'Anson, Malsis; P.S. Mitchell, Packwood Haugh; R. Pawson, Cheltenham College Junior School; S.J. Terrell, Cheltenham College Junior School; D.G. Tucker, Cheltenham College Junior School; E.A.H. Wishaw, Pate's Grammar School.

Music: J.A. Chesterfield, St Paul's Cathedral Choir School; E.G. Littlewood, The Junior School; R.M. Midgley, Emscote Lawn.

Art: N.J. Parker-Crook, The Abbey School, Tewkesbury.

CDT: T.C. Bastow, Cheltenham College Junior School.

Clifton College
The following awards have been made:
Music Scholarships:
Major Scholarship: Joseph Crouch, Westminster Abbey Choir School (John James Scholarship).
Scholarships: William Caola, Clifton College Preparatory School; Graham Morison, Exeter Cathedral School.
Honorary Exhibitions: Richard Corbett, Clifton College Preparatory School; Allan Williams, Clifton College Preparatory School.
Sixth Form Entrance Scholarships:
Open Scholarships: Nicola Parr, Millfield School, (J.H. Britton Scholarship); Yarah David, Clayesmore School; Nicholas Lane, St Benedict's School, Ealing; Eleanor Young, Bath High School.
Honorary Scholarship: Emily Thornhill, Redland High School.
Old Cliftonian Scholarship: Thomas Harris, Ysgol y Presli, Crymych.

Cobham Hall
Summer Term begins today. The new Guardian is Elizabeth Cookson. The School's twenty-fifth anniversary celebrations continue this term and anyone who would like further information should contact the school office. Term ends on Sunday, July 10.

Kelly College
Summer Term began yesterday. The Scholarship Examinations will take place on May 8, 9 and 10. The Rossington Language Centre will be opened by Dr D. Harrison, Vice Chancellor of Exeter University, on May 24. Founder's Day is on July 1, when the commemoration preacher will be the Bishop of Crediton, the prizes will be presented by Mr J.H.G. Woollcombe. There will be a Summer Ball on Saturday, July 2. Tickets are available from the school. Mr S.J. Drabble, at present Business Manager of Stowe School, has been appointed Bursar from September 1, on the retirement of Lieutentant-Colonel E.L. Rogers.

Kimbolton School
Summer Term at Kimbolton School begins today and ends on July 7. The Combined Cadet Force annual inspection will be on May 19. Old Kimboltonians day is June 25. The school play A Midsummer Night's Dream will be performed in the Castle Courtyard on June 30 to July 2. Baroness Warnock will present the prizes on speech day May 27.

Millfield School
The Principal of Millfield Schools, Colin Atkinson, is pleased to announce that the following Senior School major academic and music awards have been made for September 1988.

Academic Scholarships:
Toby Beaumont, Millfield Junior School; Paul Beswick, Millfield Junior School; Laura Dickinson, Millfield Junior School; Eleanor Mack, Millfield Junior School; Claire Mason, St Peter's School, Lympstone; Lucinda Palmer, Millfield Junior School; Andrew Peakman, Millfield Junior School; Thomas Siracchan, Holmwood House, Colchester.

Academic Exhibitions:
Bryony Clifford, Windsor Lower School, Rheindahlen; Kay Dorrett, Millfield Junior School; Edward Duffus, Millfield Junior School; Satyen Gohil, The Banda School, Nairobi; Jocelyn Hargrave, Stoneygate School, Leicester; Peter Mason, Millfield Junior School; Rachel Reynolds, Millfield Junior School; Patrick Scott, Acland Burghleys, London; Andrew Sutcliffe, Millfield Junior School.

Music Scholarships:
Helen Bishop-Stephens, Penair School, Truro; Clair Hiles, Redland High School for Girls, Bristol; Kimberley Jensen, Newport High School for Girls, Shropshire; Dawn Lee, Marymount School, Hong Kong; Richard Stott, Frome College.

Music Exhibitions:
Emma Blake, Millfield Junior School; Natalie Campbell, Millfield Junior School.

In addition, 80 pupils aged 13+ and 36 sixth form pupils have been awarded bursaries for September 1988. Awards for September 1989 will be considered from autumn 1988 onwards.

Moulsford Preparatory School
Summer Term begins at Moulsford Preparatory School today with 154 boys of whom 50 will be weekly boarders. Angus Macdonald is head boy, Fraser Stenhouse, captain of cricket and James Mackie, captain of tennis. Prize giving will take place on Wednesday, July 13 and the guest of honour will be Mr M.W. Vallance, Headmaster of Bloxham School. Term ends on Wednesday, July 13.

St Andries School for Girls
Summer Term begins today. This term sees the retirement of the Headmaster, Mr A.J. Tough, and the Director of Music, Miss B. Knight. Old Girls' day will be on Saturday, May 14. Sports day, at which Mrs Ann Smith, Headmistress Designate, will be present to meet parents, will be on Saturday, June 18, at 3.00. The school summer fete will be on Saturday, July 2, at 2.30. Speech day, at which the guest of honour will be Professor Jagatstina Ewbank, will be on Thursday, July 7. Term ends on Friday, July 8.

Upper Chine School, Shanklin, Isle of Wight
Summer Term at Upper Chine School begins today. Old Girls' day will be held at the school on June 11. Sports day will be held on July 2.

Wellingborough School
Trinity Term at Wellingborough School begins today and ends on July 8. Open day and Old Wellingburian summer day is on Saturday, July 2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, show me now thy way, that I may know thee...and consider that this nation is thy people.
Exodus 33:13

BIRTHS

ASHBY - On April 14th, to Beverley (née Cooper) and David, a daughter, Sophie Georgina.

BARBER - On April 18th 1988, to Eileen (née Barnhill) and Philip Andrew, a daughter Harriet Maisie, a sister for Amy Charlotte.

BAKER - On April 15th, to Paula (née Dent) and Andrew, a son, Luke Timothy.

BRAYNE - On April 10th 1988, in New York, to Deborah (née Peckett) and Jonathan, a daughter Sophie Joanna, a sister for Emma.

BURNS - On April 16th 1988, to Joanne (née Darling) and Jeremy, a son Nicholas James.

CHESTER-MASTER - On Tuesday April 19th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Anthea (née Andrews) and Francis, a daughter, a sister for Jane.

FOSTER - On April 16th 1988, to Susan (née Herbert) and James, a daughter Katherine Holly Ann, a sister for Hannah.

FRIEND - On April 18th, to Helen (née Doggett) and Howard, a daughter, Laura Emily, a sister for Ian, Jeremy and Sally.

GRACE - On April 14th, to Wendy Williams and Christopher Grace, a sister for there four sons.

HARDIE - On Friday April 15th, to Emma (Ricky) and Nick, a daughter, Elizabeth Kate Maxwell.

LAVIS - On April 19th, to Vivienne and Tim, a son, Edward Alexander, a brother for Thomas.

MACPHERSON - On March 19th, to Anne (née Barford) and Angus, a son, William Archibald, a brother for Eloise.

MAGRATH - On April 15th, to Rose and Desmond a son, Christopher Richard, a brother for Rory.

MENZIES - On April 16th, to Hilary (née Weston) and Duncan, a son Ruaraidh.

REIMER - On April 15th, in San Francisco, to Clare (née Tootn) and Blake, a daughter, Emma Melissa.

ROSE - On April 14th, to Toronto to Nicola (née Boyd) and Nicholas, a son Jeremy Hyla.

SCRYMGEOUR-WEDDERBURN - On April 16th 1988, to Sarah and James, a son, Alexander James, a brother for Catherine and Charles.

SEDGWICK - On April 14th, to Catherine (née Saunders) and Peter, a son, Christopher Edward.

STEVENSON - On April 14th, 1988, at Westminster Hospital, to Mary-Rose (née O'Connor) and Neil, a son, Benedict Neil.

STEWART-BROWN - On April 12th 1988, to Juliet and Ronald, a son.

STOWER - On April 12th, to Susan (née Hodi) and Kevin, a daughter, Beth Amy, a sister for Anna Clare.

SWIFT - On April 14th 1988, at University College Hospital to Rebekah (née Johnston) and Anthony a son, Edward Mark Henry, a brother for Robert.

TYSON - On April 16th 1988, to Kathryn (née Rycroft) and Steve, a daughter Alexandra Mary Louise.

WESTON - On April 15th, to Ro (née Cody) and Alan, a daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth.

WILLIAMS - On April 15th 1988, at St Thomas's, to Jane and Nigel, a son Ralph Thomas, first grandchild for Tom and Aline Williams and Brian and Joan Sherbrook.

WOODWARD - On April 12th 1988, in Winchester, to Flavia (née Scarlett-Smith) and John, a daughter, Emma Margaret, a sister for Alice, Toby and Rufus.

MARRIAGES

GORDON-LENNOX: HIGUCHI - On August 28th 1987, in Geneva, Switzerland between *Phillipp G. H. Gordon-Lennox*, son of Mr and Mrs George Gordon-Lennox, presently posted in Buenos Aires (Argentina) by the High Commissioner for Rhodesia and Nyasaland, daughter of Mrs Kimiko Higuchi and her late husband the Professor Tomio Higuchi.

MACDONALD: AITKEN - On April 16th 1988, at St. Stephens Comely Bank Church, Edinburgh, Mr Bruce Richard Macdonald son of Mr & Mrs R. E. Macdonald of Newton Mearns, Glasgow to Ms Catriona Mairi Aitken, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Aitken of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey. The Rev J. W. Craig M.A.,B.D. assisted by the Rev. W. Nelson Peterkin M.A. officiating.

SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

STOWELL - To Mum and Dad, love and congratulations on your Silver Wedding Anniversary. Anna and Diana.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

CAMERON-WALKER - On April 20th 1938 at St. Mary's Church, Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, Duncan Cameron to Margaret Walker, now at Chichester, West Sussex.

DEATHS

ARCHER - On April 17th 1988, peacefully at home, Phyllis Emma, loving wife of the late Jack Valentine, much loved mother of Bill and Tim and grandmother of Sally, Simon, Richard and Caroline. Will be greatly missed by her family, many friends and especially her devoted dog Brock. Funeral Service at Christ Church, Shamley Green on Friday April 22nd at 2.30pm. Flowers to Cranleigh Funerals, Ewhurst Road, Cranleigh. Surrey. Enquiries (0483) 275758.

AYE MOUNG - On April 18th, U Aye Maung last surviving son of U Ohnghine A.T.M., C.I.E. and Daw Yeit, at his home in Rangoon aged 98.

BEACHCROFT - On April 16th, Samuel Porten, dearly loved husband of the late Gwen and much loved father of Julia and Helen. Funeral service at Clifton College Chapel, Bristol on April 22nd at 2.00 pm. Family flowers only, please. c/o Arthur E Davey & Sons, F.D., 82 Silver Street, Nailsea, Bristol, BS19 2DS.

BEARE - On April 16th 1988, peacefully, Julian, dear husband of Edith, loving father and grandfather. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving for his life at St. Faith's Church, Kirby on Friday 22nd April at 3.00pm.

KELLAS - On April 17th 1988, Isobel (Ella) Margaret Crichton aged 69 years, at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. Wife of the late Derek M.M. Kellas, M.C. and elder daughter of the late Rev Dr. A.S. Crichton of Inverurie. Funeral service at Aberdeen crematorium at 1.30 pm on Friday 22nd April, family flowers only.

KEOGH - On April 17th, 1988, suddenly at his home in Prestbury, Francis (Pat), beloved husband of Sylvia and cherished father of Peta, Angela, Suzanne and Christopher. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Prestbury on Friday April 22nd at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations to Spinal Injuries Association, c/o Andrew Leitch Esq, 16 Merstow Green, Evesham, Worcestshire.

LAW - On April 16th, peacefully at the Pilgrims' Hospice, Canterbury, Sir Eric John Ewan, dearly beloved husband of Patricia, father of Madeleine, Trevor and Michael, and grandfather of Fletcher and James. Funeral service at St. Peter's Church, Canterbury, followed by private cremation on Wednesday April 27th at 2.15pm. Family flowers only, but donations appreciated to the Pilgrims' Hospice, 56 London Road, Canterbury.

LIVINGSTONE - On April 16th, 1988, Winifred Rose, of Canterbury. Widow of Jim. Wonderful mother of Douglas and Duncan, loving nan to Tom, Rusty, Charlotte and Hamish, second mother to so many. Cremation at Mortlake April 21st 4.30pm. Enquiries to Sanders and Co. High Street, Barnes SW13.

LOVEDUKE - On April 18th, 1988 peacefully at home, at West Milton, Dorset, after a short illness, Norman Tatton, aged 78 years. Dearly loved husband of Catherine Winifred, devoted father of Howard and Stephen. Sadly missed.

MACLEAN of Pennycross. On April 17th, peacefully, Rear-Admiral Iain G. CB, OBE. Memorial, Stubbings Church, Maidenhead. Friday April 29th, 11.30am.

MAFFETT - On April 15th 1988, peacefully on holiday, Lieutenant Colonel William Victor Cecil Maffett, late Royal Artillery, in his 91st year. Enquiries to 0670 622673.

MENDAY - On April 16th, 1988 Frank Sidney, aged 71, of Deethe Farm, Worvern Sands, Buckinghamshire, husband of Jean, father of Philip and Clare and grandfather of Elizabeth. Funeral service at St Mary's, Wavendon on April 22nd at 2.30 pm. Flowers or donations in lieu for St Mary's Church to H W Mason & Son, Newport Pagnell. Telephone 0908 611112.

MITCHELL - On April 17th, 1988, in Sherborne, Anna Dorothea aged 91 widow of the late William E.W. Mitchell and eldest daughter of Commander T.W. Stirling O.B.E., R.N. and Mrs. Stirling late of Milravonside, House Limithgow. Funeral service Monday April 25th at 11 am in the Lady Chapel, Sherborne Abbey. Private cremation family flowers only.

PAYNE - On April 17th, tragically in a rafting accident in Malawi, Charles Wreford, beloved only son of Michael and May Payne and Dorothy and Lindsay's dear brother.

PLANT - On April 17th, after a long illness bravely borne at Southmead Hospital, Ruth Plant, wife of the late Dr. William Plant, mother of David and Brian Craig, Stewart and Juliet, grandmother of Ian, Frances, Barnaby, Samuel, Thomas, Florence, Amelia, Emily, Bridget and Jasmin. Funeral Service at Tickenham Parish Church on Friday April 22nd at 12 noon, followed by Cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired maybe sent to the Bristol Kidney Fund. c/o Arthur E Davey & Sons. F.D., 82 Silver Street, Nailsea, Bristol, BS19 2DS.

SORSBIE - On April 15th 1988, suddenly after a short illness whilst on a visit to London, Lady Sorsbie (Connie) wife of Sir Malin Sorsbie C.B.E. of P.O. Box 45357 Nairobi, Kenya. Service at Golders Green Crematorium, West Chapel, Hoop Lane, NW11, on Friday April 22nd at 4.30 pm.

STEWART - On April 16th 1988, in Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Joyce Beryl aged 59, beloved wife of Rev. Iain Stewart of Ethelbert Road, Canterbury, dearest mother of Andrew, Anne and Paul, mother in law of Vicky, and grandmother of Sarah and Jemma. Funeral service at St. Andrew's United Reformed Church, Watling St, Canterbury on Friday 22nd April at 2 pm followed by interment in Canterbury Cemetery. Flowers to C.W. Jones, Military Road, Canterbury (0227) 465508, or donations if preferred to The Cancer Care Appeal Fund, Kent and Canterbury Hospital.

TAYLOR - On April 17th 1988, suddenly at Poole Hospital, Margaret Helen Kerr of Studland, Dorset and formerly of Geneva and Tai Tapu, New Zealand. Beloved wife of Douglas and greatly loved mother of Ross and Lisa Lamb/Shine. Funeral service at Studland Church on Thursday 21st April at 3.30 pm. Flowers or donations if desired for Studland Church Fund C/O James Smith Ltd, 60A Kings Road, Swanage. Tel:(0929) 422445.

TENNYSON d'EYNCOURT - On April 12th 1988, tragically in South Africa, Sir John Jeremy Eustace Tennyson d'Eyncourt Baronet, Elder brother of Giles Tennyson d'Eyncourt and the late Lady Philippa McAlpine.

TOWNSHEND - On April 18th, Ann, Marchioness Townshend. Funeral at St.Mary's Church, East Raynham, Norfolk, on Friday, April 22nd at 2.00 pm. Flowers to the Church, or donations to Dr.Peter Harper, Guy's Hospital, St Thomas's Street, London, SE1 9RT.

VALLS - On April 17th 1988, at his home in Spain, Aurelio, distinguished Spanish Diplomat and gifted poet. His widow Carmen, son Adrian, and brother Rafael of The Spanish Embassy requests his many friends in England to remember him with a smile and a prayer.

WADE - On April 16th, 1988, peacefully at home, Canon Eustace Holland Wade MA, aged 87 of Sharsted Court, Newnham, Kent. Greatly loved husband of Joan and father of the late Anthony and of Christopher, Judith and Virginia. Sadly missed by his eight grandchildren. Funeral Service on Friday April 22nd at 2.30 pm at Doddington Church, prior to cremation at Charing crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations if desired, to the warden of Wadham College Oxford. OX1 3PN. Enquiries 0795 532319.

WILLIAMS - On April 15th 1988, suddenly and peacefully at home, Kenneth Charles Williams, aged 62 years, beloved of Louie and Pat. The funeral service will be held privately. No flowers please. Donations in his memory, to Dr. Barnardo's, is his wish.

WOODS - On April 18th 1988, peacefully at home with his family in Abinger Common, Cliff aged 49 years, loved very much by his wife Myra, his children Jonathan, Emma, Kate, Sarah, Richard and Charlotte, his family and many friends. Private funeral. Service of thanksgiving for his life at St. James' Abinger on Friday 27th May 1988, at 2.30 pm. No flowers, but if desired donations for St. Lukes Cancer Fund, may be sent to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, South Street, Dorking, RH4 2ES.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CARMICHAEL - A thanksgiving for the life of Philip Carmichael will be held at St. Marys Church, Henley-On-Thames, at 3.30pm on Friday 29th April.

KARN - (Edith). A service of thanksgiving to commemorate her life and work will be held at The Liberal Jewish Synagogue, 28 St John's Wood Road, NW8 at 6.30pm on Wednesday April 27th 1988.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

CANE-HONEYSETT - Cyril David Walter. 22nd January 1912 to 20th April 1987. Forever loved.

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LIDDELL - Lt.Col F.H. Liddell. M.C., for his birthday with all our love.

SHEARSBY - Alan A. Late of Hadley Wood and Ware. April 20th 1986, always in my heart. your Pamela.

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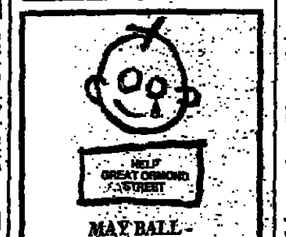
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When fame is the spur...

● Anouchka Grose, Emma Freud and Bob Monkhouse have fame in common. Monkhouse is so famous that people often forget that he has managed to climb to the top not once, but twice. Emma Freud is half-way up the ladder: her 'Pillow Talk' television interviews, conducted in bed, may take her higher. Anouchka Grose, aged 18, is on the bottom rung but full of hope.

● Why do these people — and a million others — seem to need to be famous?

● **Barbara Toner** talked to people who seek fame, those who have found some, those who have never lost it — and the few who have recovered it

When she was 15 and sitting her O levels, *Tatler* called Anouchka Grose "the Only Face to Be" and she announced her intention to become not just a face but famous. She didn't know how or why but she knew she would be. She gazed coolly into the camera from beneath the Rastafarian locks for which she had been suspended from Godolphin & Latymer School and declared: "I just feel it."

Who doesn't, at 15? Fame equals success, power, luxury and love and is tantalizingly possible, given the calibre of person who has it already. But feeling isn't necessarily believing and most of us just do not believe enough.

The price of fame is to be stared at, judged, owned and expected to perform on a stage that can be as big as the world. It is the masters and mistresses of performance who come to exude what Norman Mailer calls the white heat of celebrity: the Jackie Onassises, the Henry Kissingers and the Brigitte Bardots, whose mere presence is said to electrify. Anyone who doubts their own power to electrify will never get beyond wanting to be noticed.

If there is a ladder to the white heat with steps you can identify, the first rung is wanting to be noticed doing something; two and a half years later, that is where Anouchka is: wanting to be famous as a musician or a jewellery designer. "I don't want to be famous just for the sake of it any more," she says.

She has, this very week, been offered a lucrative contract for her brooches, which are much admired by the Japanese, and she has just joined the re-formed Fun Boy Three pop group as their rhythm guitarist. "I've really changed since the *Tatler* thing. That was all completely escapist. I used to look at smiling photographs of famous people coming out of nightclubs or wherever and think: 'I can get into that fantasy world'. Now, it's not like 'Whoops, I'm going to be famous!' I'm thinking, I hope I can keep on playing guitar. I need some fame to keep on doing what I want to do."

Until she becomes famous for being famous, that is how it is going to be. The better known she is, the more opportunities she will get and the more opportunities she gets, the more successful she will become and the more successful she becomes, the more famous she will be and the more famous she is, the more opportunities she will get — all he way up the ladder until she is like George Michael, whose publicity campaigns involve no interviews.

Then, whether she wants it or not, she will be photographed coming out of nightclubs or wherever, and if it is important for her to be seen to be happy, she will smile. This is how the ladder works. Central to everything, says the publicist Theo Cowan, is timing, and circumstances control timing.

"You can't contrive fame," Cowan says, but you can create a helpful climate for it. "It's a bit like lighting a theatre set. You can try putting things into that new light."

Performers are sustained by vast quantities of faith and hope and small amounts of adulation. Too much attention too soon can destroy all faith and hope, as Sarah Patterson found. Four years ago, when she was 13, she starred in *The Company of Wolves*.

"I was simply unprepared for all the attention. It lasted about a year. Then suddenly it was all gone. I felt very insecure, and those feelings stay with you a long time."

She has put it all behind her. She made a film of *Snow White* two years ago which hasn't been released and now she is at a new school doing her A-levels. "I thought no one would ever be particularly interested in me again."

Simon Dee, back at the bottom of the ladder, has spent 18 bruised years wondering that very thing about himself. He was at the top, not aglow with white heat precisely but very famous and very successful, when he was dropped by ITV and he landed with such a splat that he has been in shock ever since. It is not for want of trying that he is only now back again, on BBC radio with a show called *Sounds of the Sixties*. "No one would have me," he says.

He had been famous for earning a huge amount of money doing badly and arrogantly a job everyone thought they could do better. For 18 years he couldn't get a job on radio or in television, which is what he knew, and he was too famous to get a job anywhere else under his real name of Nicholas Henty Dodd. "No one would believe it, but I couldn't. It led to the end of my second marriage, and to my great regret I couldn't afford the further education of my children."

What harmed him most as the years went on was that the Press continued to write about him without consulting him and what they wrote tended to be erroneous. Bob Monkhouse, who can speak with some weight on fame and fortune, doesn't think he has ever seen anyone's corpse picked over with so much greed as Simon Dee's. "I became a figment of journalists' imaginations," Dee says.

The danger for those who have too much fame too soon is that they can become a figment of their own imaginations. It is an absurd contradiction that we put our stars on pedestals and when we knock them off, we wonder why they didn't keep their feet on the ground.

The perennial: Cliff Richard

'I realized I was famous only because a large minority of people liked me'

If there is one thing that can be said of fame, it is that there are no guarantees. Ask a man with a high profile like Jeffrey Archer if he has to work at it and he will answer rather crossly that he has to work. "At it" doesn't come into it.

Performers will never admit that it is fame for fame's sake that keeps them going. They will argue that it is a performer's nature to pursue the widest possible audience, to bring joy, as Barbara Speake of the stage school and agency of that name would say, to as many people as possible.

It is more complicated than that. The makers of soft lavatory paper bring joy to a great many. Whatever and wherever the stage, increasing fame allows entry into a privileged circle whose members expect recognition, admiration, deference and even a small amount of immortality. The greater the fame, the more exclusive the circle. It is the closest the low-born will ever come to being royal.

A taste of it might deter some, but it is a powerful spur to most of those who have clambered from the first rung of the ladder which leads to shimmering stardom to the middle, where there is a smaller, tougher breed than on the rung below. Whether they have reached it on a downward slide or found it on the way up, only the very tired are content to stay there for long.

The biggest risks and the most outrageous compromises are made on the second rung, because some fame is harder to lose than almost no fame at all. Integrity is most likely to be cast to the winds by stars whose waning glow terrifies the life out of them. Once they decide that reputation matters less than image, they are lost.

No one has apparently told this to the well-known actress who, just before she was due to go on air, invited an interviewer to ask her about royalty. The interviewer did, although she hadn't intended to, and the actress threw up her arms in horror and declared that she wouldn't discuss the royal family under any circumstances and questions about them were way out of court. She should have known people would talk.

For the less experienced, the problem isn't so much lack of integrity as uncertainty which leads to a certain lack of discrimination. Emma Freud, a rising young star of radio and television, says she needs newspaper interviews to further her career but she has attracted tacky publicity she might have done better to avoid. "There was a centre spread in the *Sunday Mirror* which was the smuttiest thing I'd ever read," she shudders.

It could be argued she has invited it, by conducting her "Pillow Talk" interviews on *Night Network* in bed. She thinks not, but now she is taking advice from her brother Matthew, who runs a public relations agency. "I think you have to be able to control your publicity," she says. "I need it, because someone might think: 'We could use that girl', but really I'd much rather not do another interview. Some people are very clever about it. I mean, I don't know a thing about Selina Scott and look where she is."

The painful uncertainty of the middle rung is not easy to handle. "I spent a whole day unable to dial Janet Street-Porter, who does children's programmes at the BBC. I didn't know how to approach her. I mean, if I'd said: 'Hello, my name is Emma Freud and I do a programme called *Pillow Talk*', she might say: 'I know, I know'. But if I said: 'Hello, it's Emma Freud here', she might say, 'Who?' "

Monkhouse, contemplating the white heat of celebrity, says: "I once passed Charlie Drake in a corridor at ITV when he was at his peak. He had a television series, a film or two and a record in the charts and he emanated fame and power. He was wearing a camelhair coat, smoking a cigar, flanked by a couple of

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From Mark R Evans, London Montessori Centre, 18 Balderton Street, London W1

As a staunch supporter of the view that children must be treated as individuals, I must agree with Lady Warnock's assertion that the question posed by your article "What is the age of reason?" (Monday Page, April 4), is "unanswerable". I was concerned however that her comment on the Bible could be misconstrued. To say that "most children of seven haven't even heard of the Bible" is true, but the children who have heard of it are not any more likely to tell right from wrong.

As Sheila Kitzinger says, two-and-a-half year olds, if given the opportunity, are perfectly able to "reason with delicacy". Understanding does not come from mere exposure to religion.

From Mrs P A Collins, Brook Lane, Doddinghurst, Essex

Mrs Jane Silvey asks (Talkback, March 18): "What is wrong with the old idea of one day a week for washday?" A typical wash for one week for our family of five would include at least the following: 24 shirts; 10 pairs of trousers; nine pairs of jeans; three skirts; four pairs of pyjamas; two dressing gowns; 14 pairs of knickers; 21 pairs of underpants; seven vests; four T-shirts; 70 pairs of socks and tights; seven bras; two petticoats; 16 jumpers; six sheets; two duvet covers; eight pillow cases; 20 towels; seven tea towels; four lots of filthy football gear; four tracksuits.

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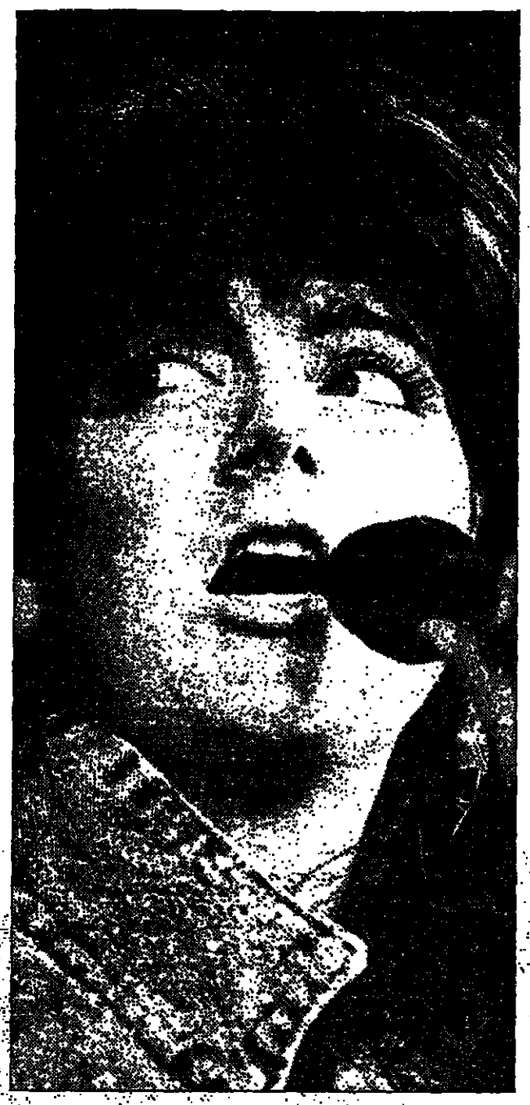
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henchmen and he was eyeing a group of pretty girls. He radiated a power I thought I could touch."

But where is Charlie now? Did someone switch him off? Or were there circumstances he couldn't control? Monkhouse says you are conditioned by fame to rely on a security blanket of applause, flattery and adulation. "In the Fifties, when comedians attracted bobbysoxers and a youthful, slim Benny Hill had clothes torn from him, I was briefly a sex symbol. I thought then that anonymity would be a relief, and when my career started to slow down there was the attraction of not getting clippings from papers saying I stank. But after a while I got myself into a frenzy. I was like a wounded steer that wouldn't lie down and die."

Monkhouse says he peaked between 1957 and 1962, when he was top of the bill and could fill both houses every night. "I knew it was time to worry when all I was offered was the Central Pier, Blackpool.

"I thought this was the end of the line. People talked to me as if it *was* the end of the line. In 1965 I decided it was too early to be a has-been. It was very apparent to me I didn't have the pulling power *any more, so I went off to* South Africa to tour. I began not topping the bill, which was very traumatic in itself. Then I thought 'Stuff this!' and started working on my material and performance in a way I hadn't before.

The young hopeful: Anouchka Grose

'I used to look at photographs of famous people and think, I can get into that'

"I began doing political parodies and they were so successful that half way *through the tour I was top of* the bill again. When I came back I developed a cabaret act — in those days there were 250 clubs, unlike today, when there are only 14 — and after a while word got round that I was hot again. In 1967 I started doing *The Golden Shot* and I was back."

The best comedians have roller-coaster careers and Monkhouse has prepared himself for the dips by cultivating as wide a range of talents as he could, but when the big dip came everything fell into ruins. "My personal life fell apart. When you have the security blanket, your image of yourself invades every part of your persona. Take it away and the image collapses."

Looking back on those who were famous in the Fifties *with him*, Monkhouse can only gasp in admiration at Cliff Richard, whom he calls a phenomenon. Richard says you must get fame into perspective. "I realized a long time ago I was famous only because a large minority of people liked me. When I did 'Devil Woman' it sold 1.3 million in the US and everyone said: 'You've cracked America', but I thought there are 250 million people in the States so 248.7 million didn't buy it."

After 30 years, Richard's power to electrify remains undiminished. "I'm still very ambitious," he says. "I go into my record company and I bear my fist on the table and I say: 'I want success now. You've got to keep me on a pedestal. If you really push me, I'll push myself. I amaze myself sometimes." It is getting harder and harder, he confesses. "I'm 47 years old. I've become Cliff, not Cliff Richard, rock star. I've got to keep up the battle to say I'm as good as I was when I was 18."

Keeping on the pedestal is the thing. Easy as it is to fall, it is just as easy to find yourself pushed. Michael Parkinson has noticed an awful lot of envy in the business of fame and fortune. "They build you up just to knock you down for everyone's amusement," he says. At the top of the ladder, any publicity is not good

The current contender: Emma Freud

'I think you have to be able to control your publicity. I need it, but I'd rather not do another interview'

publicity. Not any more. "It's not so much whether something comes up but what they can find out," Richard says. And what they can't find out they make up. "I'd say they fabricate about 30 per cent of it. What they're not prepared to recognize is that you're selling your art form, not your personality. There are things inside all of us we don't want to share, not even with our best friends. I'm not sure that being 100 per cent open with everyone is the right thing, anyway."

Because fame attracts scandal, Richard says it involves far greater conflict of interests than it used to, yet to the not-at-all-famous, the bleating of the very famous that they are allowed no privacy sounds petulant. It is a relief to hear Richard say that when you have a fabulous life style you don't get angry, you just get annoyed.

Or you go to court. Occasionally, drastic steps are warranted. Jeffrey Archer says he had to go to court to quell the awful publicity attached to the allegations of the call girl, Monica Coughlin, in order to save his political career. "If I hadn't been famous it wouldn't have happened." He is convinced that the famous are targets for malice.

He and his wife Mary recently went to the opening of a play from which they were reported to have walked out at the interval. They had not. "I rang the editor and complained vigorously," Archer says. Like Cliff Richard, he is *famous for the energy* he has devoted to his careers, both political and literary, but ultimately, he insists, it is talent that brings success, not fame.

The evergreen success: Bob Monkhouse

'I was briefly a sex symbol. I thought that anonymity would be a relief but after a while I got into a frenzy'

"The public aren't so stupid," he says. "They might buy one book because you are famous but they won't buy the second and third.

"People come up to me in the street and say: 'I want to be famous.' I say: 'What can you do?' The three secrets of success and fame are hard work, hard work and hard work."

Michael Parkinson says that anyone who wants to be *famous for being* famous is mad. "If I was born again, I don't think I'd have the same attraction to fame and glamour." When he was 16 he wore a snap-brim hat with a chin strap so it would stay on when he was cycling, a white mac and a Dirk Bogarde expression.

There aren't the illusions anymore," he says. "Fame rests on illusion. Television has *ruined it all. I think it's* sad. We need illusions. We need to believe we can climb the beanstalk." He has been to the top of the ladder and if he has looked a little shaky now and again, his position among the very famous is assured.

He loves it. "If you're famous, you're mad not to exploit it. I've done commercials. All that stuff about it reducing credibility is bull. *I think you should* reap the benefits. There's nothing nicer than to be treated like a VIP. The trick is," he says, "to accept fame and to wallow in it, but never to believe in it."

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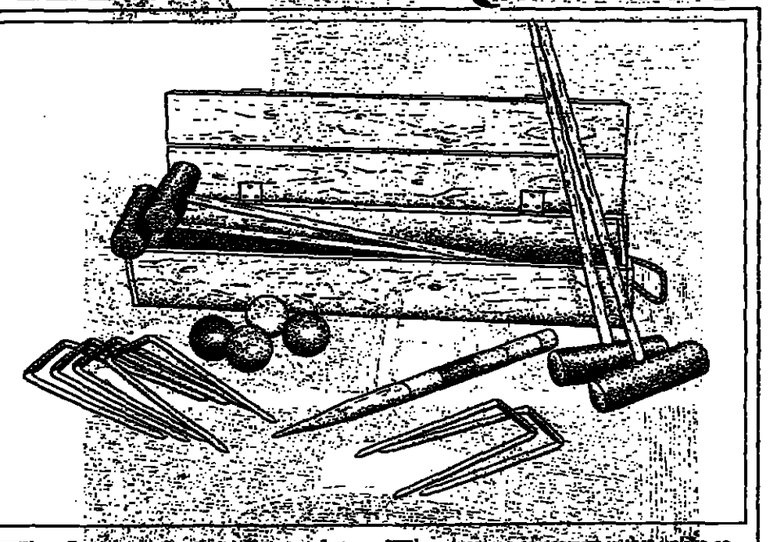
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★ **SOUTH PACIFIC:** Gemma Craven and Emile Belcourt in magnificently staged revival.
Prince of Wales Theatre, Coventry Street, W1 (01-839 5969). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 2.30pm. £8.50-£20.

☆ **TEMPTATION:** John Shrapnel as a latter-day Faust somewhere in Eastern Europe; passionate play by Vaclav Havel.
The Pit, Barbican Centre EC2 (01-638 8891). Tube: Moorgate/Barbican/St Paul's. Previews until April 23, 7.30-10pm, mat Sat 2-4.30pm. Opens April 25, 7-9.30pm. Then in repertory, £6.50-£8.50.

☆ **'TIS PITY SHE'S A WHORE:** Rupert Graves and Suzan Sylvester play the incestuous lovers in Ford's masterpiece of betrayal and revenge.
National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Tonight 7.15pm, £6.50-£13. *then £6.50-£13.*

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queens Theatre (01-734 1166). . . ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951). . . ★ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399). . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9/0). . . ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Savoy Theatre (01-836 8888). . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4). . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443). . . ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . ☆ **Serious Money:** Wyndhams Theatre (01-836 3028). . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665). . . ☆ **And Then There Were None:** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122).

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

ESSSSE
(a) An obsolete but attested form of the Old English (ultimately Teutonic) word that became our *ashes*.

PSION
(a) A psi particle, classed as a hadron, and composed of a charmed quark and a charmed antiquark.

ETHNOPHAULISM
(b) A derogatory racialist pejorative word or remark, from the Greek *ethnos* a race and *phaulos* worthless.

QUIGNE
(a) French slang for hoodoo or bad luck; *avoir la guigne* is to have a run of bad luck, as most people kid themselves they are having at the races.

OUT OF TOWN

SOUTHAMPTON: ☆ **The Little Heroine:** Katharine Schlesinger, Georgina Hale and Michael Culver in Nell Dunn's first play since *Steaming*.
Nuffield Theatre, University Road (0703 671771). Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, £3.90-£5.50. Fri & Sat 6pm, £4.90-£6.50, mat Sat Apr 23 4pm £3.90.

WATFORD: ☆ **Winter in the Morning:** Susannah Harker and Nick Wilton in play with cabaret inserts showing young love fighting to survive in the Warsaw ghetto.
Palace Theatre, Clarendon Road (0923 225671). Mon-Thrs 7.45, £5.50-£7.25, Fri & Sat 8pm, £6.50-£7.25, mat Sat 3pm, £5.50-£7.25.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
✉ **Advance booking possible**

BABETTE'S FEAST (U): One of Karen Blixen's lighter tales, immaculately transferred to the screen by a fellow Dane, Gabriel Axel. With Stéphane Audran as a famous Parisian chef who tests her skills on an austere religious community (105 min).
Chelsea (01-351 3742). Progs2.10, 4.20, 6.35, 8.50.
Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.35, 8.50.

BARFLY (18): Charles Bukowski wrote the script for this humorous, semi-autobiographical look at life in a seedy Los Angeles bar. With Mickey Rourke as a self-styled poet of the bottle, and Faye Dunaway as his equally alcoholic companion. A first American film from the Swiss-French director Barbet Schroeder (99 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.35, 6.10, 8.50.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.20, 8.40.
Cannon Premiere (01-439 4470). Progs 1.40, 3.45, 5.50, 8.05, 10.10.

BROADCAST NEWS (15): Slick drama about network TV journalism from James L Brooks *(Terms of Endearment)*: with William Hurt, Albert Brooks, Holly Hunter as the trio caught in a jumble of professional and romantic problems (132 min).
✉ **Odeon Haymarket** (01-839 7697). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.10.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.10.
✉ **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01-722 5905). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.15.

■ **DRAGNET (PG):** Lavish attempt to parody the Fifties TV police series, with *Dan Aykroyd and Tom Hanks. Directed* by Tom Mankiewicz (106 min).
✉ **Plaza** (01-437 1234). Progs 12.15, 2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30.

■ **FULL METAL JACKET (18):** Stanley Kubrick's meticulously filmed Vietnam drama, following Matthew Modine and other recruits from basic training to combat. Kubrick's clinical eye for human behaviour is still unbeatable (115 min).
✉ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.05, 3.35, 6.05, 8.35.

MOONSTRUCK (PG): Should Cher play it safe and marry Danny Aiello, or follow her heart and go for his brother, Nicholas Cage? Norman Jewison took the Best Director award at The Berlin Film Festival and Cher the Best Actress Oscar (102 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.35, 3.50, 6.05, 8.20.
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 1.10, 3.30, 5.50, 8.25.
✉ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.10.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.55, 3.55, 6.15, 8.30.
✉ **Plaza** (01-437 1234). Progs 12.30, 2.45, 5.00, 7.15, 9.30.



Armada players depicted in oils at Greenwich: from left, Philip II, by Coello; Elizabeth I, by John Bettes the Younger; and Drake, by a follower of Marcus Gheerhaerts the Elder.

Broadside aimed at Armada myths

One of the aims of the National Maritime Museum's exhibition "Armada 1588-1988", to be opened by the Prince of Wales today at 6.30pm, is to "dissolve old myths and prejudices". Drake and his bowls? Mere *rumour, based on a painting done* 150 years after the event. The English outnumbered? Not in terms of ships. Who or what beat the Spanish? The weather, a tempest to match last October's storm. The English guns? As good as the enemy's. Thus the exhibition *pours foul scorn on cherished illusions.*

A story as good as that of the Armada (received school version) dies hard, but the 16 galleries in the Greenwich museum's east wing are dedicated to its death, with weapons, armour, paintings, tapestries, jewellery, maps and manuscripts garnered from public and private collections in 16 countries. In particular there is gold from Belfast; the Ulster Museum has lent its collection of material retrieved from the galleons wrecked on Ireland's west coast, where the survivors, having surrendered to the local people, were massacred.

The idea is to set the Armada in the broader context of the struggle for religious and political power in 16th century Europe, and to drum the message home the museum has produced an Armada children's book as well as the official catalogue.

For most visitors the highlight will be the quarter-size reconstruction of a Spanish ship at sea, viewed from an enemy poop deck. There are tableaux, too, of the courts of Elizabeth I (who was born at Greenwich Palace) and Philip II at the Escorial. In other galleries the chaotic English defence plans are contrasted with the Duke of Parma's expert preparations in the Netherlands, fulcrum of the international struggle. The horror of *life on board (in both fleets),* the navigators, commanders, the battle, and the terrible Spanish flight for home, the long way round, are all vividly portrayed in Martyn Bainbridge's design.

The exhibition, which closes on September 4, has been five years in the planning and cost more than £1 million. Lectures and seminars are planned for the summer, and on June 12 there will be a scratch Armada opera. It is open Monday to Saturday, 10-6pm, and Sunday, 2-6pm. Admission (including the main museum and the Old Royal Observatory): *£2.20 adults, £1.10 children and pensioners.* *Peter Brown*

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **TASTE OF TELEMANN:** Telemann's *Jauchzt, ihr Christen* Cantata is heard from the *Lecosaldi Ensemble. Peter* Lea-Cox conducts.
St Anne and St Agnes's, Gresham St, London EC2 (01-373 5566). 1.10-1.50pm, free.

☆ **HEAR HOLT:** George Holt plays Handel's Violin Sonata Op 1 No 14, Schubert's Sonata D 408 and Dvorák's G minor Slavonic Dance.
St Martin-within-Ludgate, Ludgate Hill, London EC4 (01-248 6054). 1.15-1.45pm, free.

EVENING

☆ **MOZART/MOZARTIANA:** Jane Glover conducts the London Mozart Players in Tchaikovsky's "Mozartiana" Suite, Dvorák's Violin Concerto (György Pauk, soloist) and Mozart's Symphony No 38 "Prague."
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). 7.30-9.20pm, £4-£11.

☆ **CAPRICORN CONCERT:** The Capricorn Ensemble is heard in Torke's *Yellow Pages*, Feldman's *The Viola in My Life*, Carter's Sonata and Copland's Piano Quartet.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £4.

☆ **ROMERO/ETOOL:** Juan Rodriguez Romero conducts the European Touring Orchestra of London in Bizet's Symphony in C, Mozart's Piano Concerto K 491 (Anda Anastasescu, soloist) and Falla's *El Amor Brujo.*
St John's, Smith Sq, London SW1 (01-222 1061). 7.30pm, £2.50-£8.50.

☆ **PARKENING PLAYS:** Short guitar pieces by Albeniz, Bach, Falla, Granados, Rodrigo, Villa-Lobos played by Christopher Parkening.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £3-£8.

☆ **FROM AUSTRALIA:** Liszt, Rachmaninov, Fauré, Debussy and Grainger heard from the young Australian artists Wendy Grose (soprano) and Ian Munro (piano).
Australia House, The Strand, London WC2 (01-388 6080), 7.45pm, £5.

GALLERIES

THYSSEN-BORNEMISZA COLLECTION: Fifty Old Master paintings from one of the world's greatest private collections, presented by *The Times.*
Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-734 9052). Daily 10am-6pm, £3 (concessions and Sun mornings, £2, under-18s, £1.50), until June 12.

PAULE VÉZELAY (1892-1984): Early works 1918-1939.
Michael Parkin Fine Art, 11 Motcomb Street, London SW1 (01-235 8144), Mon-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until May 27.

YUKO SHIRAISHI: Abstract paintings.
Edward Totah Gallery, 13 Old Burlington Street, London W1 (01-734 0343), Mon 2-6pm, Tues-Fri 11-6pm, Sat 11-1pm, free, until May 14.

ROCK

★ **FRANK ZAPPA:** Erratic, prolific, eccentric, occasional genius with his 11-piece band in tow.
NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133) 8pm, £8-£9.

☆ **JOHNNY CLEGG & SAVUKA:** Seamless fusion of rock and South African roots from the "white Zulu" and his multi-racial group.
Town & Country, 9-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-267 3334) 7.30pm, £6, for two nights.

OPERA

☆ **THE MAGIC FLUTE:** Nicholas Hytner's truly magical production, with Helen Field and Lesley Garrett as the Pamina and Papagena. Ivan Fischer conducts.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martins Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161) 7-10pm, £2-£21.50.

☆ **TOSCA:** Ian Judge's production for Opera North, with Mary Jane Johnson, John Treleaven and Sergei Leiferkus.
Grand Theatre, Leeds (0532 459351), 7.15-9.45pm, £3.80-£17.80.

JAZZ

☆ **JAMES BLOOD ULMER:** See caption.
Pied Bull, 1 Liverpool Road, London N1 (01-837 3218), 8-12pm, £6.



James Blood Ulmer (above) performs at the Pied Bull tonight (see listing), and due to his substantial following, it will prove to be a popular event. Ulmer is one of the earthiest of guitarists, influenced by rhythm and blues. As a child he sang with a gospel group and later peformed with rock 'n' roll and jazz-funk bands. His jazz reputation rests in part on the 1978 album *Tales of Captain Black*, recorded with the help of Ornette Coleman. Tonight's concert forms part of a tour with two of Ulmer's long-standing collaborators, bassist Jamaaladeen Tacuma and drummer Calvin Weston.

☆ **STEVE BERRY TRIO:** Robust modern improvisation led by the Loose Tubes bassist, with the Tubes' saxophonist Mark Lockheart.
Jazz Cafe, 56 Newington Green, London N16 (01-359 4936) 8.30pm, £1.

DANCE

☆ **SWAN LAKE:** Anthony Dowell's production for the Royal Ballet.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10.30pm, £1-£30.

☆ **FACE TO FACE:** This and other works by Michael McNeill and Roberto Pace introduce their company Dance *Continuum from Rome.*
The Place, Dukes Road, London WC1 (01-387 0031), 8-10pm, £5.

☆ **A SIMPLE MAN:** Northern Ballet Theatre's work about L. S. Lowry's life and work, with *Memoire Imaginaire* and *Italian Suite.*
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30-9.45pm, £3.50-£15.

TALKS

CHARTRES CATHEDRAL: Lecture by Keith Critchlow, architect and geometer and Director of Visual Islamic Arts at the Royal College of Art.
Osterly Park House, Osterly, Isleworth, Middlesex (01-847 2986), 7.30pm, £3.25.

WALKS

A JOURNEY THROUGH DICKENS'S LONDON: meet Embankment tube, 11am, £2.25 (also Sun, 2pm).

SOHO — LONDON'S MOST COLOURFUL VILLAGE: meet Leicester Square tube, 2.30pm, £3 (also May 5).

OTHER EVENTS

SALE OF SCULPTURE AND WORKS OF ART: A rare 5th/7th Byzantine bronze liturgical model of a standing ram and a 12th/13th century German polychrome oak eagle lectern are among the many unusual items offered in today's sale.
Christie's, 8 King Street, St James's, London SW1 (01-839 9060), 11am.

RHS PRACTICAL GARDEN DEMONSTRATIONS: For the next three days, visitors to the gardens can learn the best ways of propagating hardy plants.
RHS Gardens, Wisley, Surrey, (0483 224234). *Today, tomorrow, Fri* 2-3.30pm, adult £2.50, child 6-14 £1.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

WIGMORE HALL: Booking for May, programme including Best Bows and Cellos ten-cello ensemble, arias with Valerie Masterson, and visits by Australian Ensemble, Brodsky String Quartet, and Schubert Ensemble.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141).

POETRY AND MUSIC IN HISTORIC HOUSES: English Heritage song programme includes Tribute to Christopher Fry, with Judi Dench and Kenneth Branagh (Orangery, Kenwood); Edward Lear programme with Barbara Leigh-Hunt and Richard Pasco. April 24, May 1 and 8.
Booking: Duke of York's Theatre, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-379 5533).

WARWICK ARTS FESTIVAL: Festival includes Australian day to commemorate bicentennial celebrations, with performance of Malcolm Williamson's *The Happy Prince*; Spanish *Court of Frederick the Great*, with Gabriel Woolf; and Irving Berlin 100th birthday concerts. General booking from April 25.
Festival Office, Northgate, Warwick (0926 410129).

LAST CHANCE

KARSH: Retrospective to celebrate 80th birthday of portrait photographer Yousuf Karsh whose portraits include politicians, royalty, artists, musicians and actors: Pictures of Krushchev, Thatcher, Princess of Monaco, Queen Elizabeth, Picasso, Warhol, Strauss, Britten, Paul Robeson, Bardot, Olivier, Einstein and Pope John Paul II. Ends Sun.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141).

PAST AND PRESENT: Contemporary artists, including Frank Auerbach, Dennis Creffield and Leon Kossof. Ends Sat.
Norwich School of Art Gallery, St George's Street, Norwich (0603 610581).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

CLASSICAL TOP 20

1	(1)	**The Essential Karajan**	*DG*
2	(3)	**The Pavarotti Collection**	*Stylus*
3	(–)	**Tchaikovsky: 1812 Overture**	Mackerras/LPO, *CFP*
4	(9)	**Vivaldi: Four Seasons**	South German Philharmonic, *Spectrum*
5	(2)	**Tchaikovsky: Sleeping Beauty & Swan Lake**	Various, *Conifer*
6	(19)	**100 Greatest Classics I**	Various, *Trax Classique*
7	(12)	**Elgar: Cello Concerto**	Cohen/LPO, *CFP*
8	(5)	**Handel: Fireworks/Water Music**	Various, *Conifer*
9	(11)	**The Collection**	Placido Domingo, *Stylus*
10	(17)	**Orff: Carmina Burana**	Mozarteum Orchestra & Choir, *Spectrum*
11	(–)	**The Classical World of EMI**	Various, *EMI*
12	(–)	**100 Greatest Classics VII**	Various, *Trax Classique*
13	(–)	**Mozart: Symphony 41**	South German Chamber Orchestra, *Spectrum*
14	(7)	**Duets From Famous Operas**	Various, *CFP*
15	(–)	**Beethoven: Symphonies 5 & 8**	South German Philharmonic, *Spectrum*
16	(–)	**Elgar: Cello Concerto**	Du Pré/Barenboim, *CBS*
17	(4)	**Vivaldi: Four Seasons**	Virtuosi of England, *CFP*
18	(–)	**World's Best Tenor Arias**	Luciano Pavarotti, *Decca*
19	(–)	**Handel: Water Music**	Virtuosi of England, *CFP*
20	(20)	**Orff: Carmina Burana**	Hallé, *CFP*

Source: Music Week Research

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 01-928 3191 CC (928 8800) Tonight 7.30 prs **LONDON MOZART PLAYERS.** Jane Glover. Gyorgy Pauk. Tchaikovsky: Suite No 4 in G (Mozartiana). Dvorak: Violin Concerto: Mozart: Symphony No 38 (Prague)

OPERA & BALLET

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins.
6.35 *Leon Errol in Who's a Dummy?* (b/w). **6.55 Weather**
7.00 Breakfast Time with John Stapleton and Jeremy Paxman. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25. 8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather followed by **Open Air.** Eamonn Holmes receives viewers' comments on yesterday's television programmes. To contribute ring 061-814 0424 **9.20** Kilroy! Archbishop Tutu discusses with young people how black and white South Africans can live in harmony.
10.00 News and weather followed by **One of the Family.** Advice on keeping dogs as pets (r). **10.25 Children's BBC.** Andy Crane with programme details and birthday greetings followed by **Play School**, presented by Iain Lauchlan with guest Chloe Ashcroft (r), and **Gran** (r).
10.55 Five to Eleven. Gary Watson with a reading **11.00 News** and weather followed by **Open Air** with Eamonn Holmes and Bob Wellings.
12.00 News and weather followed by **Daytime Live.** Magazine series presented by Pamela Armstrong, Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers. Today's guests include the actor Tom Watt who plays *Lofty in EastEnders* **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather **1.30 Neighbours.** Mrs Mangel is frantic with worry when there is still no sign of Jane; and *Madge gets a tempting offer from* Ray **1.50 When in Spain.** Andrew Sachs and his guide, Manuel, explore Barcelona (r).
2.15 Film: China Rose (1983) starring George C. Scott and Ali McGraw. A made-for-television drama about a widowed American businessman in China looking for the remains of his son who disappeared 16 years earlier. Directed by Robert Day.
3.50 Bananaman (r). **4.00 Pie in the Sky** (r). **4.15 Yogi's Treasure Hunt** (r). **4.30 Take Two.** Junior *Points of View* presented by Phillip Schofield. This week Paul Stone, producer of *Moondial*, answers questions about the programme.
5.00 Newsround 5.10 Running Scared. Episode five of the six-part thriller (r). **5.35 Neighbours** (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harvey. Weather. **6.35 London Plus.**
7.00 Wogan. On tonight's guest list are Lord Whitelaw, John Mortimer and Maya Angelou.
7.35 The Clothes Show concentrates on classic styles (r).
8.00 Dallas. The custody trial for Christopher begins; April discovers Nicholas Pearce's true identity; and Miss Ellie leaves Southfork as Laurel and her friend David Shulton make a bee line for Clayton. (Ceefax)
8.50 Points of View with Anne Robinson.
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with *Martyn Lewis and Andrew Harvey.* Regional news and weather.
9.30 An Ocean Apart. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
10.30 Sportsnight introduced by Steve Rider. **Snooker:** a first round match in the Embassy World Professional championship between *Doug Mountjoy* and Barry West; **Boxing:** the George Wimpey ABA British semifinals; **Greyhound Racing:** three heats of the 1988 Greyhound TV Trophy; **Tennis:** Gerald Williams discusses what open tennis has meant.
12.10am Weather.

BBC2

6.50 Open University: Education — *Let There Be Music.* Ends at **7.20**
9.00 Ceefax.
10.20 World Snooker. First round *action on the fifth day of the* Embassy World Professional Championship, introduced by David Icke from the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield. Rex Williams completes his game with Steve James and Doug Mountjoy begins his best-of-19 frames match against Barry West.
1.20 The Flumps (r).
1.35 Snooker and Racing. Further first round matches. Neal Foulds *begins his game with qualifier* Wayne Jones; and John Parrott plays the final frames against Warren King. Racing from Cheltenham begins with the EBF Novices' Hurdle Race Final **(2.15)**; then the Piper Champagne Golden Miller Steeplechase **(2.50)** which is followed by the presentations of the sport's major awards to the jockey and trainer of the year, *the bravest horse and the* greatest contributor to National Hunt racing during the past season. Then the South Wales Showers Mira Silver Trophy Steeplechase **(3.25)**; and the Steel Plate and Sections Young Chasers Championship Final **(4.00)**. Includes news and weather at **2.00, 3.00** and **3.45.**
5.30 Film 88 presented by Barry Norman. Among the films reviewed is *Flowers in the Attic* starring Victoria Tennant; on video are *Outrageous Fortune, Radio Days* and *Roxanne* (r).
6.00 World Snooker. Further first round action, introduced by David Vine from the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield.
7.00 Young Musician of the Year. The Brass semifinal, introduced by Humphrey Burton, featuring 11 of the country's most promising young brass instrumentalists. The panel of adjudicators includes trumpeter Crispian Steele-Perkins, trombonist Chris Mowat, horn player Jonathan Goodall, conductor Adrian Leaper and the resident adjudicator, Professor Alun Hoddinott. From the Concert Hall of the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester.
7.40 The Rock 'n' Roll Years. 1969 — the year man first stepped on the moon; and there was a fatal accident at Chappaquiddick. *Musical memories are* provided by, among others, the Who (r).
8.10 Antenna introduced by Lewis Wolpert. Dr Richard Byrne and Dr Andrew Whiten, from St Andrew's University, argue that the evolution of human intelligence owes less to toolmaking than to an understanding of what others may be thinking. This theory has *far-reaching implications for the* care and treatment of autistic children who, according to research carried out at University College, London, appear to lack this capacity. Also in this week's programme is a visit to the California home of Nobel prizewinning chemist, 87-year-old Linus Pauling.
9.00 World Snooker. Cliff Thorburn begins his assault on the Embassy *World Professional* Championship with a game against fellow-Canadian Kirk Stevens; and Doug Mountjoy plays the final frames of his match with Barry West.
9.30 Sophia and Constance. Episode two of the six-part drama based on Arnold Bennett's novel *The Old Wives' Tale* and five years have passed since the death of John Baines and Sophia is continuing with the daily grind at the family's draper's shop. Meanwhile, Samuel Povey asks for the hand of Constance. (Ceefax)
10.20 Daughters of Abraham. This final programme of the series focuses on Tamar, a young kibbutznik and an officer in the Israeli Defence Force; and Zoa, a young Palestinian who is not allowed to leave her West Bank home to visit her husband, a Palestinian medical student in Germany.
10.50 Newsnight includes a report from Charles Wheeler profiling the Democrat presidential hopeful, Michael Dukakis. **11.35 Weather.**
11.40 Open University: Environmental Control and Public Health **12.05am** Design and Innovation. Ends at **12.35.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with **The Sports Show** introduced by Geoff Clark; **6.30 The Morning Show** presented by Richard Keys; **7.00 Good Morning Britain** with Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. After Nine includes exercises with keep fit expert Lizzie Webb.
9.25 Thames news.
9.30 Lucky Ladders. Game show **10.00 Santa Barbara 10.25 News** headlines.
10.30 The Time. . .The Place. . . A discussion on a topical subject **11.10 Allsorts 11.25 Thames news** headlines.
11.30 Getting On. Today's edition of the magazine series for the older viewer concentrates on hands with interviews with a Harley Street surgeon and a physiotherapist who shows how exercises can help the grip. The other subject is plastic money and how it is best used.
12.00 The Sullivans 12.30 Quandaries. Quiz show
1.00 News at One with Julia Somerville **1.20 Thames news** followed by **Crimestoppers 1.30 A Country Practice.**
2.30 Votes for Women presented by Sheena McDonald. A discussion on capital punishment.
3.00 Take the High Road. Could the minister have more than one reason for visiting Fiona? **3.25 Thames news** headlines **3.30 Sons and Daughters.**
4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends (r). **4.10 The Moomins** (r). **4.20 T-Bag Strikes Again** (r). **4.45 Hills End.** Children's drama serial set in Australia.
5.15 Winner Takes All.
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart **6.00 Thames news.**
6.25 Help. Community action news.
6.30 Emmerdale Farm. Matt and Dolly have *an argument about the* open air adventures of Sam.
7.00 Trading Places. In the second of his series on the people and countries of the European Community Paul Heiney visits the Irish Republic. (Oracle)
7.30 Coronation Street. Alf is wondering if Audrey has left him. (Oracle)
8.00 Wednesday at 8. The last in the series of variety shows introduced by Jim Davidson. Among those appearing are Richard Digance and Roger Whittaker.
9.00 The Return of Sherlock Holmes: Wisteria Lodge. The master detective investigates a murder that is strewn with red herrings involving a foreign despot, an English governess and an eccentric police inspector. Starring Jeremy Brett. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall **10.30 Thames news.**
10.35 Midweek Sport Special introduced by Nick Owen. **Boxing:** Barry McGuigan's bout against Nicky Perez; and Nigel Benn's bid for the Commonwealth middleweight crown; **Football:** European competition action.
12.15am Film: Escort for Hire (1960) starring June Thorburn and Pete Murray. Murder mystery about the death of a customer of an escort agency that employs out of work actors. Directed by Godfrey Grayson.
1.30 America's Top Ten introduced by Casey Kasem.
2.00 News headlines followed by **Film: Dracula — Prince of Darkness** (1965) starring *Christopher Lee and Barbara* Shelley. A frightened coach-driver leaves his four English travellers at a crossroads rather than approach the dreaded Castle Dracula. Directed by Terence Fisher.
3.40 The Twilight Zone: A Matter of Minutes. A tale of the supernatural.
4.00 News headlines followed by **WKRP in Cincinnati.** Comedy series
4.30 Fifty Years On. Vintage newsreels.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

12.00 Just 4 Fun: Tree House. Children's series
12.30 Business Daily.
1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school *series for children. The guests are* the Four Tops and Ruben Blades.
2.00 The Parliament Programme
2.30 Channel 4 Racing from **Epsom.** The Racal Electronics *Fillies* Stakes **(2.35)**; the Minoru Stakes **(3.05)**; the Racal-Vodafone Blue Riband Trial Stakes **(3.35)**; and the Great Metropolitan Stakes **(4.10).**
4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's *winner is challenged by Danny* Morris, a telephone exchange engineer from London.
5.00 The Amateur Naturalist. This final programme of Gerald and Lee Durrell's series for the would-be naturalist finds them in tropical rainforest and a tropical reef (r). (Oracle)
5.30 I Dream of Jeannie. Vintage American comedy series starring Barbara Eden and Larry Hagman.
6.00 Family Ties. Domestic comedy series from America starring Meredith Baxter Birney, Michael Gross and Michael J. Fox.
6.30 The Making of Britain: In this third programme in the fifth series tracing the history of Britain from the departure of the Romans, Dr Richard Overy explores the story of Britain's economy in the 20th century.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Trevor McDonald and Sue Carpenter includes a film on the story of the Israeli Arabs — those who did not leave when the Jewish state was formed 40 years ago.
7.50 Party Political Comment. This week's speaker is a Labour Party politician. Followed by **Weather**
8.00 Busting the Block or The Art of Pleasing People. Part two of Christopher Frayling's six-part series on what makes a blockbuster focuses on the best-selling author Barbara Taylor Bradford. (Oracle)
8.30 A Week in Politics presented by Nick Ross. There is a report on the Conservative Party's battle for hearts and minds in Scotland; and an interview with Roy Hattersley.



Barbara Taylor Bradford, author of four block-busters (C4, 8.00pm)

9.00 34 Middleton Row: The Jack Preger Story. A documentary examining the work of Dr Jack Preger who runs the extraordinary clinic, Calcutta Rescue, under constant harassment from the Indian authorities who regard him as an "illegal". A book, *The Jack Preger Story*, by Frances Meigh, also charts the remarkable man's dedication.
10.00 Brond. Episode one (r). (Oracle)
11.00 Who Dares Wins. This opener of a new series of the comedy show starring Julia Hills, Rory McGrath, Jimmy Mulville, Philip Pope and Tony Robinson includes the first television dramatization of *Spycatcher*
11.50 The Late Shift begins with **Johnny Staccato** (b/w). This week the jazz playing New York investigator visits the drug addicts' underworld in order to save a saxophonist on the skids.
12.20am Film: Art Pepper: Notes from a Jazz Survivor (1982). The story of the celebrated saxophonist and his battle with heroin addiction. Directed by Don McGlynn.
1.20 Film: Joe Albany. . .A Life in Jazz (1980). This second of two biographical films features the former Benny Carter band's pianist who also fell foul of drug addiction. Directed by Carole Langer. Ends at **2.30.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 News followed by Neighbours 12.10am-12.15 News and weather **SCOTLAND:** 10.50am-11.00 Dotsman 6.35-7.00 Reporting Scotland **NORTHERN IRELAND:** 5.35pm Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35 Neighbours 6.58-7.00 News 7.35-8.00 Snooker: Taylor Made **ENGLAND:** 6.35-7.00 Regional news magazines

ANGLIA As London except:12.00-12.30pm Gardens for All 1.20-1.30 News 6.00-6.30 About Anglia 12.15am Film: Damnation Alley 2.00 Soap 2.30 Film: Czech Mate 4.00 Jacksons 4.35-5.00 Fifty Years On.

BORDER As London except:1.20pm-1.30 News 3.00 Easy Street 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00-6.30 Lookaround 12.15am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except:12noon Home Cookery 12.05pm Quandaries 12.35-1.00 Young Doctors 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Falcon Crest 6.00-6.30 News 12.15am Film: Goin' South 2.20 Donahue 3.15 Videopix 4.15-5.00 Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except:12noon Bygones 12.30pm-1.00 Sullivans 1.20 News 1.30 Shamrock, Rose and Thistle 2.00 Country Practice 2.30 Take The High Road 3.00 Quandaries 3.30-4.00 Puffin's Plaice 5.00-6.30 Channel Report 12.15am Film: Time Machine 2.05am Off the Wall 3.05 Company, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except:12.00-12.30pm Personal View 1.20-1.30 News 3.00-3.30 That's Hollywood 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-6.30 North Tonight 12.15am Closedown.

GRANADA As London except:1.20pm Granada Reports 1.30-2.30 Quincy 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00-6.30 Granada Reports 12.15am Film: Goin' South 2.20 Donahue 3.15 Sports Action 4.15 Videopix 4.50-5.00 Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except:12.00-12.30pm Gardening Time 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Falcon Crest 6.00-6.30 News 12.15am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except:6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six.

SCOTTISH As London except:12.00-12.30pm Gardening Time 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Love Boat 3.00 In Loving Memory 3.30-4.00 Beatmachean Neontach 6.00-6.30 Scotland Today 12.15am Film: Goin' South 2.15 Donahue 3.15 Spanish Connection 4.15 Videopix 4.50-5.00 Jobfinder.

TSW As London except:12.00-12.30pm Country Practice 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Falcon Crest 6.00-6.30 Today 12.15am Postscript.

TVS As London except:12noon Bygones 12.30pm-1.00 Sullivans 1.20 News 1.30 Coast to Coast People 2.00 Country Practice 2.30 Take the High Road 3.00 Quandaries 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00-6.30 Coast to Coast 12.15am Film: Time Machine 2.05 Off the Wall 3.05 Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except:1.20pm-1.30 News 6.00-6.30 Northern Life 12.15am Epilogue 12.20-6.00 Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except:1.20pm-1.30 Newstime 3.30-4.00 Cover Story 6.00 Six Tonight 6.20-6.30 Preview 12.15am Newstime.

YORKSHIRE As London except:12.00-12.30pm Lunchtime Live 1.20 News 1.25 Help Yourself 1.30-2.30 Falcon Crest 6.00-6.30 Calendar 12.15am Twilight Zone 12.45 Jobfinder 1.45 Closedown.

S4C Starts:10.00am Film: Million Dollar Mermaid' 12.00 Countdown 12.30pm Business Daily 1.00 Sesame Street 2.00 Pob's Programme 2.30 Racing 4.15 Ffalabalam 4.30 Bildowcar 5.00 Abracadabra 5.30 Love Affair With Nature 6.00 Lost in Space' 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Rhwng y Pyst 8.00 Hel Straeon 8.30 Llyged y Ganlog 9.05 Snwcer 9.35 Film: Man with Two Brains 11.15 Cheers 11.45 Week in Politics 12.15am Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts:3.00pm "Live" at Three 4.00 Dempsey's Den 4.30 Happy Birthday 4.35 Alvin and the Chipmunks 5.05 Lookaround 5.15 Real Ghostbusters 5.45 News 6.00 Angelus 6.01 Newstime 6.30 Travellers by Night 7.00 Evening Extra 7.30 No Doubt About It 8.00 Magnum 9.00 News 9.30 Today Tonight 10.30 Hoover vs the Kennedys 11.25 News. Closedown.

RTE 2 Starts:5.05pm Emmerdale Farm 5.30 Wild Heritage 6.00 9 to 5 6.30 Country Practice 7.00 ALF 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 Naucht 8.10 Cursai 8.40 Cineclub 10.10 Newsnight 10.35 On the Live Side 11.05 Nightlight. Closedown.



David Dimbleby examines Anglo-American relations from the First World War (An Ocean Apart: BBC1, 9.30pm)

A strained and fickle friendship

TELEVISION CHOICE

● A series on the Anglo-American relationship might plausibly have begun with the Pilgrim Fathers but for reasons connected almost entirely with the resources of television, *An Ocean Apart* (BBC1, 9.30pm) kicks off in the middle of the First World War. Had it gone back much further there would have been no archive film and no one still alive to be interviewed. As it is the resources are necessarily thin. Film there may be but since Woodrow Wilson ended his presidency before the coming of sound, we can only see him and not hear him. He is shown waving his hat from the deck of a transatlantic liner but graphic though these images are they tell us little about the theme of the series. As for interviewees, the show has pulled out one plum in the person of Lloyd-George's private secretary, A. J. Sylvester. Now 98, he comes up with some pithy reminiscences of high politics behind closed doors. Otherwise we have to make do with the not very startling memories of those rather far from high politics. Unobtrusively anchored by David Dimbleby, the programme is at its most illuminating when it sticks to commentary, prompting the irreverent thought that the enterprise might have better entrusted to an A. J. P. Taylor figure, talking straight to camera, or even put out on radio. What emerges most strongly is that during the First World War there hardly was an Anglo-American relationship. Woodrow Wilson was suspicious of British imperialism and committed American troops not so much to win the war for the Allies as to enforce the peace. In this he was to be frustrated and Anglo-American *relations went into a* trough for more than 20 years until the Japanese obligingly bombed Pearl Harbour.

Peter Waymark

Way out of Africa

RADIO CHOICE

● On radio, how do you set about hacking your way through the jungle of names and dates and arguments that constituted the metamorphosis of Rhodesia into Zimbabwe eight years ago? First, you do not hack. You systematically clear a path and do not proceed another yard until every obstacle is got rid of. Second, you give the task all of six weeks. And third — most important of all — you get Michael Charlton to lead the expedition. But has he produced the same results from Rhodesia/Zimbabwe in **The Last Colony in Africa** (Radio 3, 9.00pm) as he did from the Falklands in *The Little Platoon*? Tonight's opening episode indicates that the same winning formula he adopted in the Falklands series has not been tampered with. There is, therefore, just enough Charlton to establish the framework of the dilemma and put it in historical perspective (including a mighty flashback to Mary Tudor's having Calais in her heart), and there is an all-star cast of personalities involved in the crisis (Smith, Mugabe, Muzorewa, Carrington, Amery et al) selected not only because they occupied centre-stage positions in the drama but also because all are capable of making a contribution that clarifies, not obfuscates, an issue. Episode one ends on a cliff-hanging note — the Lusaka conference of heads of government that was the basis for (Charlton's words) the "stunning diplomatic achievement" at Lancaster House.



Michael Charlton: leader of the expedition (R3, 9.00pm)

Peter Davalle

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Radio 2

MW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour **4.00** Colin Berry **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** John Stalker **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Frank Bough **1.05** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jim Lloyd presents Folk on 2 **8.30** Six Silver Strings **9.00** Listen to the Band (Roy Newsome) **10.00** Al Read **10.15** Jake Thackray **10.30** Big Fight Special **11.00** Brian Matthew with Round Midnight **1.00** Patrick Lunt with Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST. **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Meridian **7.00** World News **7.09** 24 Hours **7.30** Development '88 **8.00** World News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Classical Record Review **8.30** My World **9.00** World News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News, Sports Roundup **9.45** Jazz Scene UK **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Omnibus **10.30** Londres Midi **11.00** World News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Byron Readings **11.25** A Letter from Wales **11.30** *Meridian* **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Great Love Duets **12.25** The Farming World **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** World News **1.09** 24 Hours **1.30** Development '88 **2.00** Outlook, opening with World News **2.45** Report on Religion **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** Education Today **3.30** King Street Junior **4.00** World News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** English by Radio **4.45** Londres Soir **5.30** German Newsreel **6.00** Programmes in German **7.00** Outlook **7.39** Stock Market Report **7.45** Good Books **8.00** World News **8.09** 24 Hours **8.30** Assignment **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Counterpart **9.45** Recording of the Week **10.00** World News **10.09** The World Today **10.25** A Letter from Wales **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Write On . . . **11.30** Multitrack 2 **12.00** World News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** King Street Junior **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Waveguide **1.40** Book Choice **1.45** Society Today **2.00** World News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** Assignment **3.00** World News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** *Six Four Eight* News **3.35** Financial News **3.45** German News and magazine **4.45** The World Today **5.00** World News and 24 Hours **5.30** Londres Matin

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, News
7.00 Morning Concert: John Hebden (Concerto No 2 in C: Cantilena under Shepherd); Handel (Trio Sonata No 5 in G: Heinz Holliger, oboe, Maurice Bourgue, oboe, Christiane Jacottet, harpsichord, Manfred Sax, bassoon); Finzi (Eclogue, Op 10, for piano and string orchestra: City of London Sinfonia under Hickox)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert contd: Stenhammar (Overture to Excelsior! O: Gothenburg SO under Jarvi); Johan Daniel Berlin (Sinfonia in D: Trondheim CO under Tellefsen); Grieg (Wedding Day at Troldhaugen: Walter Gieseking, piano); Sibelius (Karelia Suite, Op 11: Berlin PO under Karajan)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Britten in America. The Trees They Grow So High, Anthony Rolfe, tenor, and Graham Johnson, piano; Sonatina romantica (1940) Anthony Goldstone, piano; Seven Sonnets of Michelangelo, Op 22, Peter Pears, and the composer, piano; and Sinfonia da requiem, *Op 20 New* Philharmonia under the composer
9.35 The Bohemian Tradition: Ian Lake, piano, plays works including Josef Steffan's Capriccio No 4 in A; Fibich's Three Pieces, Op 33, Nos 25, 29, and 32; and Martinu's Two études and two polkas
10.20 Schubert: Endellion String Quartet play Quartet in D minor *(D 810) (Death and* the Maiden)
11.00 Midweek Choice: recordings of Albinoni (Oboe Concerto in B flat, Op 9 No 11: Heinz Holliger and I Musici); Grieg (Spring, Op 33 No 2: Philharmonia under Braithwaite with Kirsten Flagstad, soprano); Copland (Billy the Kid Ballet: St Louis SO under Slatkin); Wieniawski (Violin Concerto No 1 in F sharp minor: LPO under Ozawa with Itzhak Perlman; Vivaldi (Dixit Dominus: ECO under Cleobury)
1.00 News
1.05 Concert Hall: Brian Rayner Cook, baritone, and Roger Vignoles, piano, play Beethoven's Six Songs, Op 48; Schubert's Die Gestirne, Das Marienbild, Gott im Frühlinge, and Der gute Hirte; and Brahms's Four Serious Songs



Günter Wand conducts Beethoven (R3, 7.30pm)

2.00 Record Review (r)
3.10 Frida Leider (1888-1975): John Steane presents a tribute to the German soprano including recordings of her best known roles, Brunnhilde and Isolde
4.00 Choral Evensong: live from St Edmundsbury Cathedral
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: presented by Roger Nichols
6.00 Music for Guitar: Alexander Frauchi plays Bach's Prelude Allemande, *Courante, Gavottes* 1 and 2 (Suite, BWV 995); Brouwer's Two Simple Studies; Mikhail Visotsky's Variations on a Russian Folk Song; and Koshkin's Tin Soldiers
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Michael Billington talks to Nick Thompson, designer of Basildon's Towngate Theatre
7.30 Beethoven: North German Radio SO under Gunter *Wand perform Symphony* No 8 in F and Symphony No 5 in C minor
8.35 Words (r)
8.40 Contrasts by Bartok: 1940 recording by Joseph Szigeti, violin, Benny Goodman, clarinet, and Bartok, piano
9.00 The Last Colony in Africa: (see Choice)
10.00 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra: Henze's Antifone; and Dvorak's Cello Concerto in B minor. With Edgar Howarth, conductor, and Alexander Baillie, cello
11.00 Composers of the Week: Clementi and Hummel. Clement's Sonata in F sharp minor, Op 25 No 5; and Hummel's Piano Concerto in B minor. Op 89 (r)
12.00 News
12.05 Wolf 88: Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, baritone, and Gerald Moore, piano, perform Um Mitternacht

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today: presented by Brian Redhead and Sue MacGregor, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves's guests are the artist David Shepherd, marathon runner Andrew Swennsen and Lord Lewin, chairman of the Trustees of the Maritime Museum, whos is talking about the Spanish Armada (s)
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time: visits Ardleigh and District Horticultural Society (r)
10.30 Morning Story: Night Riders by Michael A Pearson, read by Timothy Kightley
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Soundtrack: The eighth of 10 documentaries reveals life as a patient in Soho's *Hospital for Women* (s)
11.47 Enquire Within: Dilly Barlow attempts to answer listeners' questions
12.00 News; You and Yours: includes criticism of the price and lack of choice on European flights
12.25 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter: A six part series about an optimistic author, by Basil Boothroyd. With Ian Carmichael, Charlotte Mitchell, Margot Boyd, Pauline Letts and Brian Haines (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray talks to the Mary Daly author of *Intergalactic Wickedary of the English Language*. Plus part two of Helen of Burma
3.00 News; Time — and Again: Play by Margaret Robertson. With Gladys Spencer, Maggie McCarthy and Jane Leonard (s)
3.47 Time for Verse: George MacBeth talks to Dannie Abse. Anthony Hyde reads
4.00 News
4.05 Towards Methuselah: Georgina Ferry examines the increase in life expectancy over this century and whether this trend is likely to continue (r)
4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra: Paul Allen talks to Peter Brook about his acclaimed *dramatization of the ancient* Hindu epic *The Mahabharata* with its British showing in the Old Museum of Transport in Glasgow
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock incl Financial Report
6.30 Round Britain Quiz: Irene Thomas and Eric Korn challenge Brian Thompson and Michael Bowen: Gordon Clough and Louis Allen preside (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 In Business: With David Lomax
7.45 The Cabaret Upstairs: Tony Hawks hosts stand-up comedy from, amongst others, Sean Hughes and Donna Mcphail (s)
8.15 Medicine Now: Geoff Watts reports on psychology in the X-ray department and the benefits of Bath water
8.45 Botham Packs His Trunk: *Pat Murphy presents an* inside view of Ian Botham's arduous 450 mile trek tracing the route of Hannibal through France and Italy
9.15 Antony Hopkins Talking about Music: Third of seven programmes in which Antony Hopkins explores different musical works or topics (s)
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Includes items on Doris Lessing's book *The Fifth Child*; *Journey's End* at the Whitehall Theatre, Alan Bennett's new series for BBC1, *Talking Heads*; plus a feature on knitting designer, Kaffe Fassett
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: A clergyman's Daughter by George Orwell (8 of 10) **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News, **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
VHF as above except: **1.55-2.00pm** Listening Corner (s) **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30-12.10am** Open University: Education — The Soviet Experience

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m; VHF-90-92.5. **Radio 4:** 198kHz/1515m;VHF-92-95. **LBC:** 1152kHz/261m;VHF 97.3. **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m;VHF95.8. **BBC Radio London:** 1458kHz/206m;VHF 94.9; **World Service:** MF648kHz/463m.

World's biggest cruise liner unveiled

By Robin Young

Mr Ravi Tikkoo, who made a fortune by inventing the oil supertanker, yesterday unveiled his plans for the world's largest cruiseliner.

Heads of agreement have been signed for the $500 million (£264 million) vessel to be built at the state-owned Belfast shipyard, Harland and Wolff.

Mr Tikkoo's concept, on which he has been working for nearly four years, resembles an aircraft carrier with a 10-storey S-shaped hotel parked on its deck. He said yesterday: "It will be a destination in itself, and revolutionize the cruise industry into the 21st century".

But last night the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Mr Tom King, gave a very cautious welcome to the project, saying the Government would have to look at the cost of it and particularly the cost to Northern Ireland, where there were many other competing claims on public funds.

"We would be very keen indeed for shipbuilding to continue but it faces very major problems. But it is a very interesting and imaginative concept indeed and we shall certainly be anxious to see whether there are ways in which we can help", he said.

Mr Tikkoo, born in Kashmir, says he will require no more than the normal credit terms for shipbuilding contracts: in this instance guarantees of 80 per cent credit for 8½ years.

Ultimate Dream, the giant liner to be built at Belfast, may not be the biggest in the world for long. Norwegian Cruise Lines is planning a 250,000-ton liner Phoenix World City, which will carry 5,000 passengers.

Both ships will aim at the American market, currently worth $4.5 billion a year.

Harland and Wolff, which lost £58 million last year and is still unable to build ships profitably, may qualify for a subsidy of up to 28 per cent on the contract under EEC rules.

Mr Tikkoo refused to comment on what would happen if the Government refused to make sufficient subsidy available.

He said: "We will cross that bridge when we come to it. But this contract will put Britain at the top of the cruise ship building nations of the world. If you are going to be negative in this country we will have no shipbuilding at all".

At 160,000 gross registered tons, the ship will be more than twice the size of the largest cruise ship afloat, Royal Caribbean Cruise Line's Sovereign of the Seas launched in France last January, and it will be 161ft longer than the QE2.

All 1,413 passenger apartments will have a seaview from a private balcony or verandah. The ship will carry 3,150 passengers and a crew of more than 1,000.

The ship is intended for the de luxe American market running seven and 10-day cruises from Miami and New York.



Mr Ravi Tikkoo showing off a model of his £264 million cruise liner yesterday. It is to be built by Harland and Wolff in Belfast (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Early blow to health service 'internal market'

By Jill Sherman
Social Services Correspondent

Government plans to introduce a more flexible and efficient "internal market" within the health service, where hospitals buy and sell services to each other, have already run into trouble.

Three of London's top heart hospitals have thrown out a package to cut waiting lists for another region, saying it would amount to jumping their own queues for heart operations.

Trent regional health authority was hoping to send 50 patients needing heart bypass operations to either the Brompton Hospital, the National Heart Hospital or the London Chest Hospital. The operations would have been paid for by Trent region out of its allocation from the Government's £30 million waiting list fund.

However Mr John Plant, district general manager of the special health authority covering the three hospitals, said yesterday they already had more than a thousand patients on their own waiting lists. "We have been approached by several regions to treat patients who require cardiac surgery and particularly coronary artery surgery. But our own waiting lists are growing at the moment."

Mr Plant said the authority was still waiting to hear whether it was getting any money from the Government's waiting list fund, despite the fact that other authorities had already received their share.

"We need at least an extra £280,000 to reduce our own lists. If we took on work from other authorities we would be able to maintain our workload levels but we would be seeing other patients in preference to our own."

Mr Plant said the hospitals already took several patients from other regions. "We are already negotiating internal market schemes with three regions which already send us patients. We feel that after we have tackled our own lists they should get priority over Trent. I support the idea of an internal market in principle but I think all authorities would want to treat their own patients first."

Ex-MP's gas shares riddle

By Joe Joseph

Mr Eric Cockeram, the former Conservative MP for Ludlow who stood down at the last election after admitting having made multiple applications for shares in two of the Government's privatization issues, has amalgamated British Gas shares he said he had bought on behalf of grandsons into his own British Gas stake.

That may breach the terms of the British Gas share flotation. Mr Cockeram's explanation, that the second allocation was for his grandchildren, is likely to have been a key factor in the decision by the Crown Prosecution Service not to pursue the case.

Mr Cockeram has said he had explained his reasons for applying twice for British Gas shares. He said yesterday: "I have nothing further to add".

Application for both parcels of British Gas shares were originally made in Mr Cockeram's name, though from two addresses — one in his Ludlow constituency, the other from his main home at Fairway Lodge in Wirral, Merseyside.

Mr Cockeram, who admitted to the multiple share applications after his fellow Conservative MP, Mr Keith Best, confessed to filing several applications for shares in the 1984 British Telecom flotation, said in April last year that he had "the right motive but the wrong method" when he applied twice in his own name, albeit mentally earmarking one of the parcels for his twin grandsons.

Mr Cockeram also bought 1,600 shares in the BT flotation, twice the amount he was allowed: the excess, he said, was for another grandson.

The two separate British Gas holdings have now been amalgamated into one holding of 2,600 shares at the address at Caldy, Wirral, according to British Gas's registrar.

The initial transgression by Mr Cockeram — a parliamentary private secretary to the Chancellor of the Exchequer in 1972-74, and chairman of a retailing business in Liverpool — surprised many since there was provision on the British Gas share application forms for grandparents to apply for shares, naming minors as beneficiaries.

He appears to have made no effort to formalize the gift of the shares to his twin grandsons.

Furthermore, when Mr Cockeram registered his Ludlow-based shareholding, after after he had stepped down from politics, he chose to amalgamate the shares with those registered at his Wirral address rather than to keep them separate or to transfer them formally to their beneficiaries.

MP fails to apologise for Mace incident

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he had had lifted the Mace and thrown it to the floor. Amid six minutes of loud and angry distrubances the Speaker attempted to keep order and Mr Neil Kinnock sat white with anger while Mr Dixon furiously pointed and ordered the MP to read the statement.

As Conservative MPs shouted for him to be expelled, Mr Brown remained defiant, telling MPs: "I didn't write this rubbish".

He added: "Mr Speaker, since you want a grovelling statement I am not going to read it, I don't accept it, all right?"

As uproar continued, the Speaker three times asked Mr Brown to leave warning him that he would be "named" if he refused. Mr Dixon angrily pushed Mr Brown in the back and shoved him through a door and out of the chamber.

Mr Brown was barred the chamber until the end of yesterday's sitting but Conservative MPs were demanding a three-month suspension with loss of pay as an example to other MPs following a series of incidents of parliamentary hooliganism this session.

Outside the chamber, Mr Brown said: "I understood I could see it and amend it (the statement) but I never got a chance. They are trying to crucify me. They will not."

Mr Brown said the statement read: "I wish to make a personal statement Mr Speaker. I regret my action last night in regard to the Mace and I apologise unreservedly to you Mr Speaker and to the House for what occurred. I accept responsibility for any damage that was sustained by the Mace."

He said he had not meant to throw the Mace, it had slipped out of his hands.

Commons sketch

The certain smile of Mr Kinnock

A tendency to smile can hamper a man's prospects, particularly if that man is Mr Neil Kinnock. He carries with him the burden of a natural light-heartedness. This would be commendable in either the back or the front half of a pantomime horse, or perhaps even in a more senior figure, such as Mother Goose, but it sits a little awkwardly on the shoulders of the Leader of the Opposition.

Just before Prime Minister's Questions, Mr Kinnock entered, as usual, with a swagger. While Mr Kenneth Baker was droning on about educational reform, Mr Kinnock nudged Mr Jack Straw, made a merry quip into his ear, leant over to repeat the quip to Mr Frank Dobson, chuckled, remembered where he was and then forced the tips of his lips downwards, so as to present what he takes to be a suitably statesmanlike facade.

Mr Kinnock's questions to the Prime Minister are often phrased like jokes. "I say, I say, I say — have you heard the one about...?" he will begin, and instead of the more traditional Englishman, Irishman and Scotsman, he will pop in one or another victim of some monstrous government plot. Alas, it is written into parliamentary procedure that, however humourless the incumbent prime minister, he or she is always allowed the last laugh.

Mr Kinnock wanted to know what she thought about the latest leaked document — was it a threat to national security, or was it proof of organized mendacity? Referring to it as a "received stolen document", Mrs Thatcher said that "so long as people are willing to receive them, there will be people willing to give them". Others in Mr Kinnock's position might have taken the opportunity to look affronted, disturbed, vehement, etc, etc, but Mr Kinnock chose to roar with laughter, grinning from left to right, rubbing his thighs and waving the document merrily. After these guffaws, Mr Kinnock generally betrays guilt feelings, as if a voice from Heaven has made him suddenly aware of the gravity of his position. He juts out his chin, folds his arms, stops nudging his neighbours, and does his very best to look serious.

Of course, there are times when propriety forbids a smile. These include the duration of any speech by Mr Ron Brown, particularly if that speech is by way of being an apology. Mr Brown is everything Mr Kinnock wouldn't prefer him not to be. Loopy, impassioned, unrepentant, he sits in the new, polite, businesslike Labour Party like a beetle on a blancmange. While the beetle might find this the most comfortable of environments, the chef can betray signs of unease.

The Speaker announced that Mr Brown wished to make a personal statement. Mr Brown, expected to apologize, began to talk about the media instead. "The Hon. Gentleman must make the statement agreed with me," said the Speaker. "We agreed many things..." began Mr Brown. By this time, there was uproar on the Tory benches, with the naughties lads on the Labour benches laughing their heads off. "If he doesn't wish to make the agreed statement, that puts a different complexion on it", said the Speaker. "Since you asked me to make a grovelling statement, I'm not going to read it out", said Mr Brown.

And so it went on. Everyone had some sort of expression on their face, Tories furious, Labour spokesmen embarrassed, Labour rebels amused, Labour whips pugnacious, Mrs Thatcher exasperated, and so on. Everyone, that is, except for Mr Kinnock, who looked straight ahead as if nothing were happening, the last sunbather on the beach after the tidal wave warning has sounded.

After Mr Brown had slouched out of the Chamber, aided by a hefty and aggressive shove from the Labour Deputy Chief Whip, who else but Mr Eric Heffer sprang to his defence, arguing that a personal statement should not have to gain prior approval from the Speaker. "Perhaps I've been living in a fool's paradise", he said, quite seriously. Mr Kinnock's straight face began to twitch at the ends, his lips fighting a battle to retain their composure. But in seconds, the battle was lost. Mr Kinnock let himself go, and laughed, and laughed, and laughed.

Craig Brown

Greek leader sacked

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which he will announce later in a pastoral letter to Orthodox churches in Britain. "It is a conflict between me and the patriarch."

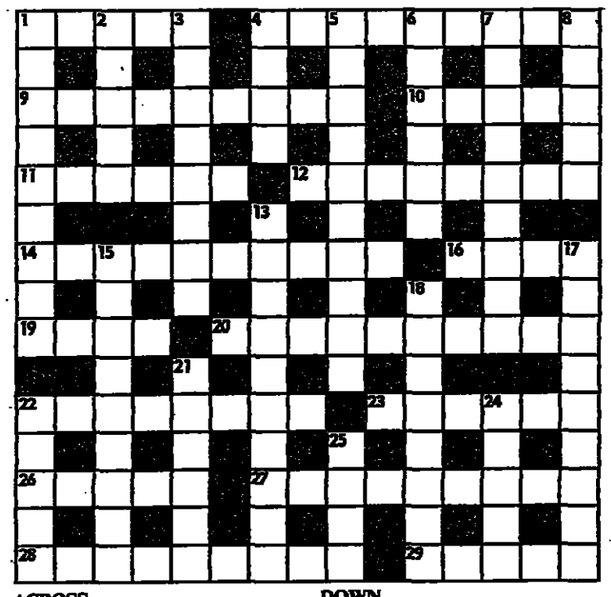
He said he intended to stay on in his official residence. One church source said that his decision would present an immediate problem for his successor, and predicted "it will be messy".

The Patriarch's action has touched off rumours in Greece that Archbishop Methodios had been party to a plan to replace Demetrios with Archbishop Jakovos, head of the Greek Orthodox Church in America, so that Methodios could succeed Jakovos.

Sources close to the patriarchate in Istanbul said that Methodios was blamed for neglecting the theological dialogue between the Orthodox and Anglican churches.

Bishop Gregorios, who will be known as Archbishop Gregory, is a Greek Cypriot and has been in London since 1959. He is aged 59.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,648



ACROSS

1 This lantern may involve the use of spirits (5).
4 The same little container for a fryer, say (9).
9 Infernal scab like 4 *ac*, presumably (9).
10 Fabric — new one, not French (5).
11 Introduce good man in home victory (6).
12 Money teachers used to obtain cake (8).
14 Dwelling for excellent boy encountered outside 19 (10).
16 Roguish chief (4).
19 Mark may be 25 (4).
20 Urban type found directions going in to a sultanate (10).
22 Insinuation that pub and university have done badly (8).
23 They may be taken hurriedly in the bar (6).
26 Inappropriate article about a game (5).
27 Rousing a boy in a part of the building (9).
28 Australasia? The exact opposite (9).
29 The old way to contain a fungous substance (5).

DOWN

1 Food salesman making no end of a mess on the island (6-3).
2 Copper's nark in court, perhaps (5).
3 Extremely clever journalist pressing for payment (8).
4 Condescend, say, to identify Canute as one (4).
5 Degree student with capacity to be dissatisfied (10).
6 Minority contributing to discussion on agenda (6).
7 Problem for Italian with a French instrument (9).
8 Group projection appears upright (5).
13 Not a leading seaman on the watch! (6,4).
15 Manager eager to accept old master's name (9).
17 Rustic eyesore produces wisdom after the event (9).
18 Birds are reared here — any wrens available? (8).
21 Inhabitant of 18 accommodated and confined (4-2).
22 One small business a Mediterranean resort monopolises (5).
24 A feature, first and foremost, in this country (5).
25 Perch for a singer? (4).

Concise Crossword, page 11

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 53 per cent of the competitors at the 1988 Glasgow regional final of The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship.

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

ESSSSE
a. Lisping Latin existence
b. Ashes
c. An EEC directive

PSION
a. A subatomic particle
b. An obsolete Greek letter
c. A legendary serpent

ETHNOPHAULISM
a. Chauvinism
b. A racialist insult
c. Stunted growth

GUIGNE
a. Bad luck
b. A knight's gonfalon
c. Stalemate with the foil

Answers on page 22, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,647

D	I	S	G	R	A	C	E	■	O	F	F	S	E	T
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WEATHER

Mist or fog patches will give way to a sunny and mostly dry morning over England, Wales, Northern Ireland and southern Scotland. Parts of north-east England may have some rain at first. These parts will later have sunny periods and scattered showers. Northern Scotland and the northern isles will be cloudy and wet but most of the rain will gradually die. It will stay warm over most of Britain, but remaining cold in the far north with strong easterly winds. Outlook: wet.



ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	18	64	f	Madrid	18	64	c
Akrotiri	15	59	r	Majorca	20	68	f
Algiers	21	70	c	Malta	21	70	s
Amst'dm	21	70	f	Melb'rne	23	73	s
Athens	14	57	f	Mexico C*	25	77	s
Bahrain	29	84	f	Miami*	28	82	s
Barcelna	15	59	r	Milan	21	70	s
Belgrade	13	55	c	Montreal*	8	46	c
Berlin	21	70	s	Moscow	7	45	c
Bermuda*	23	73	s	Nairobi	23	73	s
Biarritz	13	55	r	Naples	19	66	s
Brussels	23	73	s	N Delhi	32	90	s
Budapst	20	68	f	N York*	15	59	s
B Aires*	23	73	f	Oslo	7	45	f
Cairo	28	82	f	Peking	15	59	s
Cape Tn	17	63	f	Perth	28	82	f
C'blanca	20	68	c	Prague	21	70	f
Chicago*	8	46	s	Rhodes	18	68	s
Ch'church	16	61	s	Riyadh	43	109	s
C'phagn	10	50	c	Rome	18	64	s
Dublin	15	59	f	Salzburg	21	70	s
Dubrovnik	16	61	s	S F'isco*	15	59	c
Faro	20	68	s	Seoul	12	54	s
Florence	22	72	s	Sing'por	28	82	t
Frankfurt	23	73	s	St'kholm	8	46	f
Geneva	18	64	s	Strasb'rg	23	73	s
Gibraltar	21	70	f	Sydney	20	68	c
Helsinki	8	46	s	Tel aviv	23	73	s
Hong K	25	77	c	Tokyo	21	70	s
Innsbrck	21	70	s	Toronto*	2	36	c
Jo'burg*	16	61	f	Valencia	20	68	c
Karachi	34	93	s	Venc'ver*	10	50	c
L Palmas	21	70	s	Venice	19	66	s
Lisbon	18	64	f	Vienna	19	66	s
Locarno	19	66	f	Warsaw	14	57	f
L Angels*	18	64	s	Wash'ton*	14	57	c
Luxembg	21	70	s	Wel'ton	15	59	f

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	2.5	-	15	59	sunny
Cromer	6.3	-	21	70	sunny
Clacton	7.6	-	12	54	sunny
Margate	4.5	-	20	68	bright
Hastings	3.9	-	16	61	bright
Eastbourne	3.8	.06	15	59	sunny
Brighton	3.7	.02	15	59	shower
Littlehampton	3.1	.02	16	61	shower
Southsea	1.2	.15	14	57	rain
Sandown	-	.04	13	55	rain
Bournemth	0.1	.41	13	55	shower
Weymouth	-	.54	13	55	rain
Exmouth	-	.25	12	54	rain
Torquay	0.2	.27	13	55	rain
Falmouth	-	.30	13	55	rain
Penzance	-	.30	12	54	rain
Scilly Isles	-	.22	12	54	fog
Newquay	0.9	.15	15	59	rain
Minehead	0.4	.04	16	61	shower
Morecambe	2.2	.37	16	61	rain
Douglas	-	1.02	11	52	rain
Carlisle	-	.54	12	54	rain
Nottingham	1.8	.03	19	66	rain
Anglesey	0.2	.37	15	59	rain
Colwyn Bay	1.1	.21	-	-	rain
Tenby	-	.48	12	54	rain
Aberdeen	-	.09	6	43	rain
Aviemore	-	.23	7	45	rain
Eskdalemuir	-	.82	11	52	rain
Kinloss	-	.35	8	46	rain
Lerwick	1.1	-	5	41	dull
Prestwick	-	.78	14	57	rain
Stornoway	-	.23	7	45	rain
Tiree	0.2	.07	11	52	rain
Wick	-	.02	7	45	rain

* Denotes figures not available
These are Monday's figures

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.00	7.2	5.23	6.9
Aberdeen	4.27	3.9	4.50	3.9
Avonmouth	10.32	12.7	10.45	12.9
Belfast	2.06	3.4	2.34	3.2
Cardiff	10.17	11.7	10.30	11.4
Devonport	9.13	5.1	9.22	5.1
Dover	2.02	6.5	2.27	6.2
Falmouth	8.43	4.9	8.52	4.9
Glasgow	3.44	4.9	4.17	4.8
Harwich	2.54	4.0	3.16	3.7
Holyhead	1.17	5.4	1.43	5.2
Hull	9.32	7.1	9.56	7.0
Ilfracombe	9.16	8.7	9.27	8.5
Leith	5.50	5.2	6.14	5.3
Liverpool	2.12	9.1	2.35	8.9
Lowestoft	12.26	2.5	12.49	2.3
Margate	3.04	4.8	3.26	4.5
Milford Haven	9.30	6.6	9.44	6.5
Newquay	8.21	6.6	8.36	6.5
Oban	8.51	3.5	8.52	3.6
Penzance	8.17	5.2	8.26	5.2
Portland	10.13	1.9	10.12	1.9
Portsmouth	2.28	4.6	2.56	4.5
Shoreham	2.05	6.1	2.32	6.0
Southampton	1.52	4.4	2.18	4.3
Swansea	9.36	9.1	9.47	9.0
Tees	6.54	5.1	7.18	5.1
W'ton-on-Itze	2.48	4.2	3.12	3.9

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.280ft.
Times are BST

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.62	2.48
Austria Sch	22.55	21.85
Belgium Fr	69.65	65.25
Canada $	2.425	2.305
Denmark Kr	12.55	11.95
Finland Mrk	7.85	7.45
France Fr	11.07	10.52
Germany Dm	3.26	3.10
Greece Dr	281	241
Hong Kong $	15.25	14.50
Ireland Pt	1.225	1.165
Italy Lire	2410	2300
Japan Yen	245.25	233.25
Netherlands Gld	3.645	3.475
Norway Kr	12.11	11.51
Portugal Esc	265.50	252.50
South Africa Rd	4.55	4.05
Spain Pta	215.50	204.50
Sweden Kr	11.49	10.94
Switzerland Fr	2.702	2.572
USA $	1.97	1.88
Yugoslavia Dar	3200	3600

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 104.1 (March).

London: The *FT* index closed up 10.1 at 1429.7.

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 17C (63F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 11C (52F). Humidity: 6 pm, 58 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.8 hr. Bar: mean sea level, 6 pm, 1007.8 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 8.36 pm to 5.22 am
Bristol 8.46 pm to 5.32 am
Edinburgh 9.00 pm to 5.22 am
Manchester 8.49 pm to 5.25 am
Penzance 8.54 pm to 5.47 am

Sun rises: 5.54 am
Sun sets: 8.06 pm
Moon sets: 12.43 am
Moon rises: 7.27 pm
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MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 8C (61F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 10C (50F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.02 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 3.3 hr.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

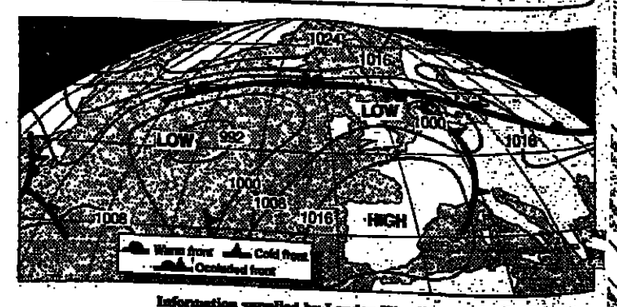
Monday: Highest day temp: Coningsby, Lincolnshire 21C (70F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Garelochhead, Dunbartonshire, Argyll and Clyde, Cumbria, 1.10in; highest sunshine: Clacton, Essex, 7.9hr.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	15	59	f	Guernsey	11	52	c
B'mingham	15	59	f	Inverness	8	46	c
Blackpool	13	55	f	Jersey	13	55	f
Bristol	14	57	c	London	16	61	f
Cardiff	15	59	c	M'chester	15	59	f
Edinburgh	13	55	f	Newcastle	17	63	f
Glasgow	11	52	c	R'ridaway	10	50	c

NOON TODAY



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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1429.7 (+10.1)

FT-SE 100
1798.9 (+11.1)

Bargains
23165 (26075)

USM (Datastream)
148.64 (+0.40)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.8940 (–0.0100)

W German mark
3.1478 (–0.0081)

Trade-weighted
78.6 (–0.1)

Backing for Nasdaq

The Stock Exchange denied yesterday that it was furious over the government decision to recogniseNasdaq — the American electronic share-trading system.

Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the International Stock Exchange, said in a statement that recognition was no more than a formality. He added: "There is no reason for the ISE to be alarmed or resentful, and we are neither."

Mr Francis Maude, Corporate Affairs Minister, announcing the recognition earlier, said: "Nasdaq's arrival means we now have present in the UK two of the world's four largest stock markets."

Links between Nasdaq and the ISE will allow trading to pass freely from the European to the North American time zones.Nasdaq was obliged under the Financial Services Act to seek recognition. It has 80 member securities firms.

Citicorp post

Citicorp appointed Mr Paul Collins, a vice-chairman of the US banking group, to head its European and Middle Eastern operations, based in London. Citicorp also announced a 34 per cent increase in net income from $267 million to $358 million in the first quarter with no additions to Third World debt provisions.

Bus sell-off

London Country Bus Services confirmed yesterday that six bus garages in Hertfordshire and Essex have been sold to Parkdale Holdings for about £5½ million.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 2029.68 (+21.56)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Average . 26657.00 (–14.45)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2593.93 (+41.97)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 248.5 (–0.2)
Sydney: AO ..... 1451.8 (+1.1)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 1398.1 (+8.3)
Brussels:
General ..... 4705.8 (+20.6)
Paris: CAC ..... 301.2 (–1.4)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 453.9 (–1.7)
London:
FT.–A All-Share ..... 925.79 (+5.88)
FT.–"500" ..... 1019.90 (+6.53)
FT. Gold Mines ..... 218.1 (–3.3)
FT. Fixed Interest ..... 98.31 (+0.56)
FT. Govt Secs ..... 91.31 (–0.12)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Dubilier ..... 210½p (+35p)
Barton Transport ..... 700p (+45p)
Inchcape ..... 722½p (+20p)
Tate & Lyle ..... 774p (+18p)
Burmah ..... 566p (+19p)
Taylor Woodrow ..... 445p (+20p)
Ash & Lacey ..... 685p (+20p)
Vaux Group ..... 556p (+16p)
Crystalate ..... 170p (+15p)
Staggeridge Brick ..... 315p (+15p)
W Baird ..... 492½p (+16p)
AB Elect ..... 444½p (+13p)
Mitel ..... 150½p (+13p)
Racal Elect ..... 235p (+12p)
Hambros ..... 285p (+12p)
FNFC ..... 252p (+12p)

FALLS:
Schroders ..... 875p (–25p)
FAI ..... 175p (–10p)
Cons Gold ..... 920p (–13p)
Chapman ..... 277½p (–15p)
Closing prices

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 8%
3-month Interbank 8-7 15/16%
3-month eligible bills: 7 31/32–7 15/32%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 6¾%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.82-5.81%*
30-year bonds 98 13/16–98 27/32*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.8940	£: $1.8940*
£: DM3.1478	$: DM1.6627*
£: SwFr2.6043	$: SwFr1.3755*
£: FFr10.6935	$: FFr5.6475*
£: Yen235.05	$: Yen124.17*
£: Index78.6	$: Index92.2
ECU £0.659578	SDR £0.737236

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $456.55 pm-$458.90
close $458.75-457.25 (£241.25-241.75)
New York:
Comex $456.50-457.00*

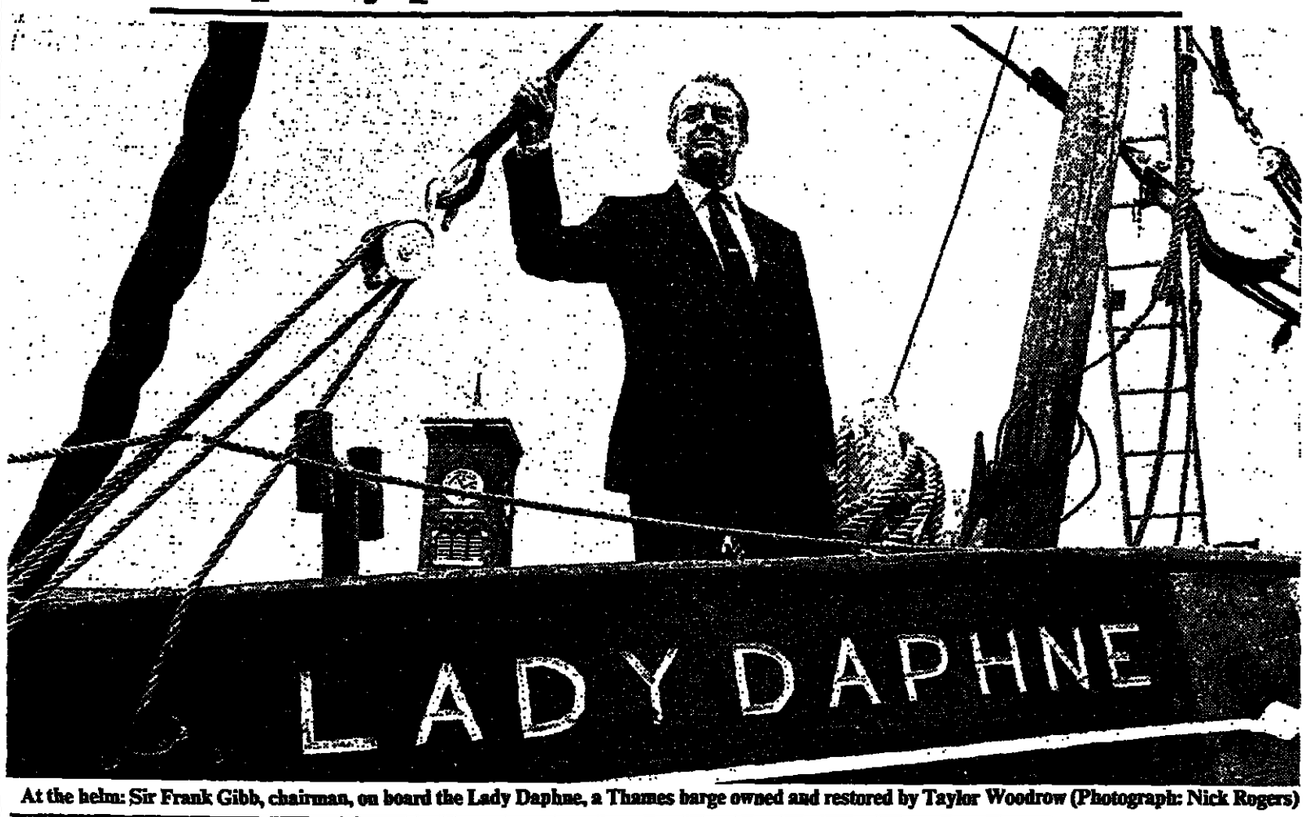
NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (May) ..... pm $17.05 bbl
* Denotes latest trading price

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Property portfolio revalued at £521m



At the helm: Sir Frank Gibb, chairman, on board the Lady Daphne, a Thames barge owned and restored by Taylor Woodrow (Photograph: Nick Rogers)

Top price of £277m on Sotheby's float

By Michael Tate

Sotheby's, the biggest art auctioneer in the world, will be valued at no more than £277 million when it is floated on the stock market in the middle of next month. This compares with the £400 million it was estimated to be worth when the flotation plan was first envisaged last October.

That attempt was abandoned when the stock market crashed a few days later.

Mr Alfred Taubman, the American property millionaire who has owned most of Sotheby's since rescuing it in 1983, yesterday announced the sale of 22 per cent of the share capital in separate placings in London, New York and the international market.

The sale, however, is bound to reopen the argument about two-tier share capital structures, since the shares being placed have restricted voting rights. Last night both the National Association of Pension Funds and the Association of British Insurers, who between them represent the bulk of Britain's institutional investors, reaffirmed their dislike of two-tier share structures.

Some institutions may well be reluctant to take up shares. Mr Paddy Linaker, managing director of M&G Group, said he "would be very surprised if we take up any shares."

Institutional antipathy is bound to affect the eventual share price, particularly since Sotheby's is understood to have agreed to a Stock Exchange request to spread the London issue as thinly as possible.

This is because the sale is likely to breach the Stock Exchange's £15 million ceiling on placings. The rules have been waived in Sotheby's case, partly because of the difficulty in matching an offer for sale in London with a placing in New York.

The placings are being handled by Salomon Brothers International and Lazard

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Brothers, who are selling 5.5 million class A limited voting stock, of which 1.5 million will be available to the London market. Some 2.9 million shares have been earmarked for New York, and the remaining 1.1 million will be offered internationally.

The offer price is estimated at between $18 and $21 a share, valuing the entire stake at between $99 million (£52 million) and $116 million (£61 million).

Sotheby's, which held its first auction in 1744, has its main salerooms in New York and London, and holds regular auctions in places ranging from Monaco to Hong Kong and Israel. It is also involved in art-related financing — lending money to dealers and collectors and even, on occasion, purchasers — and it has a luxury real estate brokerage business.

Last year it had sales of about £850 million, 39 per cent higher than 1986.

The flotation is expected to make a paper fortune for Lord Gowrie, the former Minister for the Arts, who is the £100,000-a-year chairman of Sotheby's UK. Lord Gowrie, who has options on 75,000 shares, resigned his ministerial post in 1985

£73.1m for Taylor Woodrow

By Alexandra Jackson

Teamwork at Taylor Woodrow pushed 1987 profits up from £57.6 million to £73.1 million, well ahead of City expectations. The shares soared 20p to 445p.

Sir Frank Gibb, the chairman and chief executive said: "Healthy growth in our core businesses property, housebuilding and UK contracting, contributed to these results."

Taylor Woodrow's substantial investment property portfolio was revalued by Knight, Frank and Rutley at the year end at £521 million. This produced a net surplus of £85.8 million which has been added to revaluation reserves and has increased the group's asset value per share from 326p to 384p.

Lettings during the year include Commodity Quay at St Katharine Dock, near London's Tower Bridge, and a town centre development in Hounslow, Middlesex. Substantial new lettings are expected to increase the rent role by £5 million during 1988.

Exchange movements depressed pretax profits by £2.7 million. There was an extraordinary debit after tax of £5.9 million. This covered the write down of North Sea service ships owned by Seaforth Maritime, 45 per cent owned by Taylor Woodrow.

Group sales advanced from £793.2 million to £902.2 million last year. A final dividend of 8p was declared making a total of 10.5p for the year (9.5p).

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Stock options at Crowther ahead of bid

By Cliff Feltham

Two directors of John Crowther, one of Britain's largest textile groups, were granted a batch of valuable stock options in the company two days before it announced it had received a takeover approach.

The company — which is recommending a £200 million bid from the home furnishings group, Coloroll — granted Mr Trevor Barker, the chairman, options to purchase 93,750 shares at 128p each on the recommendation of an ad hoc committee of two other directors.

On the same day, March 16, his boardroom colleague, Mr David Suddens, the finance director, was also formally granted options on a total of 234,375 shares at the same price.

Two days later John Crowther announced it had received a takeover approach and subsequently recommended the offer from Mr John Ashcroft's Coloroll.

Last night Mr Michael Watson of Hambros Bank, the merchant bank acting for Crowther, said it was perfectly satisfied with the option arrangements granted to the two Crowther directors.

Mr Watson said the options for Mr Barker had been raised in line with his increase in salary and were recommended by the ad hoc committee.

He said options could only be granted six weeks after publication of either the interim or final results, and March 16 had been the first available opportunity after publication of the preliminary results on March 2.

Mr Watson said Mr Suddens had only recently joined the company and his options were granted during the same "window of opportunity."

He confirmed that Mr Barker had met Mr Ashcroft on March 1 and arranged another meeting for March 15, at which the possibility of the two companies coming together was raised.

"The ad hoc commitee had already met to agree on the stock options and the board felt quite happy to recommend the new options when the full board met on March 16, because at this time there was no guarantee there would be a bid for the company. Coloroll could have decided to drop the whole thing."

Before the granting of the new options, Mr Barker already held options on 180,229 shares at prices of 129p and 157p granted during 1986. These reflected the much higher share price of the company. He also directly owned a total of 606,115 shares in the company.

The transactions, disclosed in the Coloroll offer document yesterday, also show that Mr Barker's annual salary was raised substantially ahead of the bid. His pay was lifted from £60,000 to £90,000 last November, and on March 16 was reviewed again and subsequently raised by a further £25,000 to £115,000.

Coloroll is offering a straight one-for-one share swap. Yesterday John Crowther shares stood at 186p, giving Mr Barker and Mr Suddens a notional profit of 58p a share on their newly acquired options. In Mr Barker's case this would work out at about £54,000, while Mr Suddens would gain about £135,000 if he were to exercise the options.

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Four more lenders cut mortgage rate

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Four more lending institutions joined the mortgage war yesterday, with the news that the National Westminster Bank and the Woolwich, Gateway and Northern Rock Building Societies are cutting their rates.

NatWest and the Woolwich dropped their rates by up to 0.75 of a point to 9.5 per cent, undercutting the Halifax and Abbey National societies, while the Gateway and Northern Rock cut theirs to 9.5 and 9.75 per cent respectively.

The cut means that monthly repayments for Woolwich borrowers on a mortgage of, for example, £35,000, will fall from £268.90, at the old rate of 10.20 per cent, to £256.40 at the new rate. The rates come into effect immediately for new borrowers and from May 1 for existing borrowers.

The Woolwich also cut its premier rate for loans of more than £60,000 from 9.95 per cent to 9.25 per cent.

The Halifax was the first to lower its home loans rates — to 9.8 per cent — in the current round of reductions. It was followed on Monday by the Abbey National which went to 9.75 per cent. Barclays Bank said it was still reviewing the situation, while Nationwide Anglia said it would announce a new rate next week, effective from May 1.

The Woolwich said it has been lending twice the anticipated amount to home buyers over the last month, but wants to maintain this level of lending with a competitive interest rate.

Yule Catto lifts profit to £14m

By Carol Ferguson

Yule Catto, the speciality chemicals group, notched up 33 per cent growth in earnings per share for the second year running last year, and rewarded its shareholders with a 43 per cent increase in their dividend to 3p net.

Pretax profits rose 30 per cent to £14 million on turnover up 33 per cent to £150 million in the year to December 31. Industrial activities contributed 95 per cent of earnings, the balance coming from agriculture and land, with 60 per cent of earnings generated in Britain.

Mr Alex Walker, the group chief executive, said that speciality chemicals were hit last year. "Growth was pretty modest, as the styrene price went through the roof," he said, "but if we drop down a hole in one area, we can still do well."

Building products did particularly well, he said. "We are now focused better in the UK in rooflights and speciality coatings."

In chemicals, Mr Walker plans further investment in manufacturing, and a move into other markets. He added that he wants the building side to be strong in Europe. "Holland is the nucleus of our operations, from which we can move into Germany, Belgium and France."

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Peek Holdings pays £100m in agreed bid for Dubilier

By Joe Joseph

Peek Holdings, the shell company transformed by Mr Kenneth Maud, a South African businessman, into an ambitious and rapidly growing industrial holding company, is paying about £100 million for Dubilier, the electronics components manufacturer.

The bid, which carries the blessing of the Dubilier board, represents a premium of more than 60 per cent over the value of Dubilier's share price.

Mr Maud, previously deputy chief executive of Allied Technologies, South Africa's largest electronics and electrical equipment group, said the deal was "right in line with what we aimed to do," adding, "I would be disappointed if we weren't in a position to announce a few more transactions this year.

"It provides us with a good core business to put alongside our electronics interests, a combined asset base of between £50 million and £60 million, an ungeared balance sheet, and £30 million which will avaliable for investment. Dubilier also gives us a good management team that I think will make for an exciting group."

Mr Maud rejected suggestions that Peek had paid too high a premium for Dubilier. Dubilier made £6.7 million pretax on turnover of £49 million in the 65 weeks to December 27, but £3.1 million of the profits came from Beswick, the circuit protection subsidiary Dubilier sold last month for £37 million cash.



Right deal: Kenneth Maud

Mr Maud said: "The deal will increase our earnings per share by more than 20 per cent despite the apparently high price. Bear in mind that the company had a lot of cash as well."

Taxable profits last year grew from £1.48 million to £2.51 million on turnover of £14.72 million and analysts were expecting a similar percentage rise this year. Peek is forecasting a 1988 dividend of 1p against 0.3p

The offer is 15 new Peek shares for every four Dubilier

Pound slips as dealers take profits

The pound fell back on foreign exchange markets yesterday, as dealers reflected on the possibility of another cut in interest rates and took profits (Rodney Lord writes).

Sterling closed in London a cent lower, against the dollar at $1.894 and 0.84 pfennig down against the mark at DM3.1488. The effective rate index shaded down by 0.1, to 78.6.

The easing of the exchange rate left interest rates little changed with three-month interbank funds trading at 7 15/16 per cent. Markets are still expecting a further cut in bank base rates, and are looking to the bank lending and money supply figures.

The dollar continued to benefit from uncertainty engendered by the conflict in the Gulf, and from Monday's support by the Federal Reserve Bank. Against the yen it rose 5 points, to Y124.10.

Car parts sales stall on mild winter

By Martin Waller

Spice, the USM-quoted motor parts distributor, headed by Mr Gordon Spice, the professional racing driver, has hit a nasty oil slick which looks set to more than halve pretax profits in the half year to March.

The company is blaming the mild winter, without which, apparently, our cars would have fallen apart more quickly.

Sales of anti-freeze and de-icing fluid collapsed during the winter that never was, and Spice says as a result pretax profits will slide from £537,000 last time to not less than £200,000, although the interim dividend of 1.2p will be held.

The shares tumbled 35p to 123p on the announcement.

The company supplies independent motor parts dealers with car parts and accessories, relying heavily on so-called "distress purchases" in the winter months, when motorists in urgent need of a new battery or other remedies stock up on other goods in passing.

"If you get caught on a motorway, you will pay whatever they are charging for a bottle of de-icing fluid," Mr Kevin Cubbage, the managing director, said with a candour unusual in the motor trade.

This winter, unfortunately for Spice, such roadside emergencies were rare, and it was reduced to offering extended credit terms to its longer-established and better-known customers.

About a third of its 4,000 customers were given the opportunity, in a "special promotion" in the third week in March, to buy goods with post-dated cheques, payable at the end of May.

"The obstacle we have had to overcome is to restore the confidence of our independent retailers," says Mr Cubbage.

Often one-store businesses, and run according to what he calls "barrow-boy economics," they had shown a reluctance to stock up with summer goods after failing to shift their winter lines.

The "special promotion" had one other effect, of boosting sales that particular week, coincidentally right at the end of the first six months, and so importing a few thousand pounds of profits into the stricken first half, Mr Cubbage concedes.

But consolation is forthcoming from two sources. The mild spring has sent motorists scurrying out to repair and wash their cars for the first time, with sales improving strongly during the past few weeks.

And Mr Spice has won his first three races of the season.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Moy Park to step up Ulster investment

Moy Park, the Ulster poultry processor, is to invest £15 million in expanding production and creating 530 jobs at its three plants in Northern Ireland at Craigavon, Dungannon and Moira. The investment is to be funded from the company's own resources with grant aid from the NI Industrial Development Board and loan capital from the Northern Bank.

Mr Trefor Campbell, the managing director, said that direct employment would rise to about 1,300 by 1991 but Moy Park's operations would underpin about 700 jobs elsewhere.

Humberside profits slip

Humberside Electronic Controls says it is at "an advanced stage of negotiations with an interesting project". At the same time, it announced a pretax profit of £8.106 for the six months ended December 31, compared with £10,395, on a turnover up from £480,000 to £776,000. Yesterday, Humberside shares traded 2p higher, at 29p.

Docklands property buy

Estates & General Investments is paying £9.85 million for a portfolio of properties in London's Docklands. The properties, at Beckton, will produce a rental income of more than £800,000 a year. The largest property, a modern retail park of seven units totalling 100,000 sq ft, currently produces £522,000, rising to £555,000 when fully let.

Salvesen expansion

Christian Salvesen, the food distribution and industrial services group, has announced a £1.75 million expansion in Europe with an acquisition in Belgium and a new contract in West Germany. The group is buying Joseph Massage PVBA, a refrigerated transport business based in Teinat, near Zellik, which serves the European frozen foods industry.

At the same time, a contract won for an unnamed German supermarket chain will take Salvesen further south in West Germany from its base in the north, and involve further investment on its vehicle fleet. Mr Barry Sealey, the managing director, said nearly £1 million of the money would be spent in West Germany.

$5m Bridon plant for US

Bridon, the wire rope specialist, is spending $5 million (£2.65 million) on expanding its US operations by building a factory in Idaho to supply the agricultural market in California and the Pacific northwest. Bridon Cordage, the company's Minnesota subidary, is building the plant, which will be known as Bridon West.

Conder soars to £2.61m

Conder Group, the construction and property development company, lifted pretax profits by 72 per cent to £2.61 million on turnover of £126.7 million last year, the first results since last summer's arrival of a new management team headed by Mr Christopher Stewart-Smith. Shareholders will receive a final dividend of 3.5p.

Waterglade £8m deal

Waterglade International Holdings, the property investment and development company, has acquired the remaining 60 acres of the Tunnel Estate, next to the M25 in West Thurrock, Essex, for about £8.5 million in the company's first big industrial deal since coming to the stock market a year ago. The vendor is RTZ Estates.

About half the estate is let, and the rest is to be landscaped and redeveloped for distribution and industrial use. A first phase of 100,000 sq ft of industrial accommodation and another 20,000 sq ft of light industrial "nursery" units will cost about £7 million to develop, Mr Ronald Nathan, the joint chief executive, said. The first phase will be ready for occupation next year. The "nursery" units will be sold freehold.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	290	Coats	1,985	Laporte	883	Royal Ins	2,008
Abbey	771	CU	3,161	L&G	1,650	Saatchi	816
Allid-Lyons	1,807	Cons Gold	212	Lloyds	1,521	Sainsbury	641
Amstrad	3,919	Cookson	48	Lonrho	1,557	Scot & N	135
ASDA	4,452	Courtaulds	2,463	Lucas	312	Sears	940
AB Foods	142	Dalgety	1,903	Magnet	1,093	Sedgwick	1,321
Argyll	2,923	Dee	1,201	M&S	5,725	Shell	730
BAA	5,001	Dixons	591	Maxwell Cm	1,094	Smith & N	14,329
BET	690	ECC	135	MEPC	549	Smith WH	295
BTR	545	Enterprise	788	Metal Box	1,549	STC	1,676
BAT	2,528	Ferranti	6,484	Midland	2,769	Stan Chart	51
Barclays	2,217	Fisons	2,077	NatWest	1,166	Storehse	1,042
Bass	304	Gen Acc	847	Next	1,047	Sun Alinca	872
Beecham	1,343	GEC	7,709	Nth Food	899	T & N	504
Beazer	302	Glaxo	1,052	P&O	3,230	Tarmac	361
BICC	158	Globe	495	Pearl	56	Tate & Lyle	267
Blue Arrow	3,292	Granada	1,904	Pearson	182	TSB	1,912
Blue Circle	575	Grand Met	965	Pilkington	4,509	Tesco	1,961
BOC	3,094	GUS 'A'	30	Plessey	5,852	Thorn EMI	1,610
Boots	319	GRE	960	Prudential	877	Trafalgar	2,165
BPB	207	GKN	528	Racal	12,792	THF	3,554
Br Aero	1,047	Guinness	683	Rk Hovis	84	Ultramar	563
Br Airways	1,578	Hamm 'A'	1,123	Rank	713	Unigate	908
Br Comm	702	Hanson	4,756	R&C	2,160	Unilever	1,032
Br Gas	3,500	Hawker	425	Redland	318	United Bis	3,048
Br Petrol	4,642	Hillsdown	307	Reed	1,304	Utd News	1,181
Br Telecm	1,519	IMI	110	Reuters	715	Wellcome	590
Bristol	166	ICI	562	RMC Gp	92	Whitbrd	1,986
Bunzl	14	Inchcape	495	RTZ	1,070	Williams	544
Burmah	2,155	Jaguar	1,219	R-Royce	4,837	Willis Fab	2,371
Burton	549	Lasmo	797	Rothmn 'B'	62	Wimpey G	158
C&W	2,024	Ladbroke	1,249	Rowntree	4,936	Woolworth	595
Cadbury	3,162	Land Sec	1,731	Royal Bank	2,180	Equities page 29	

TEMPUS

Taylor Woodrow rise right on cue

How like the ever correct Taylor Woodrow to produce a 27 per cent advance in pretax profits in its 27th successive year of profits growth.

This enabled the chairman, Sir Frank Gibb, to use the phrase, now inextricably associated with the group, that the results were "not unsatisfactory".

Against the trend of the industry, construction activities enjoyed the strongest profits growth, advancing 33 per cent to £20 million. Margins widened from 3 per cent to 3.5 per cent and the division looks set for another strong year.

The domestic order book, which began to pick up at the end of 1987, has continued to be well filled. At £1 billion it is 25 per cent ahead of this time last year. On top of that there is an overseas work load of nearly £200 million — much the same level as 1987.

However, looking at the better quality sources of earnings, Taylor Woodrow is still building up its presence in property and housebuilding. Housing profits were virtually the same as those from construction although sales from the latter are three-and-a-half times greater.

The group sold about 200 fewer homes in 1987, but increased profits per unit. Including plots, Taylor Woodrow sold 2,400 units worldwide.

Property profits were boosted by £7 million from the sale of investment properties compared with £4 million in 1986. Rental income also rose but a more noticeable increase will come this year after three substantial lettings in 1987.

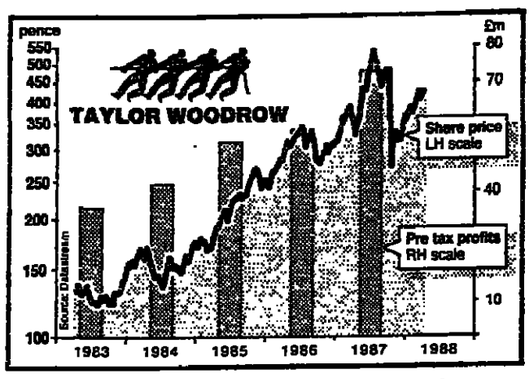
While continuing to develop its property trading activities, there are also plans to re-examine the £521 million investment property portfolio. A more active policy of selling mature investment properties may follow. Last year's revaluation pushed the group asset value up from 326p to 384p.

The decisions to write down the fleet of North Sea supply ships operated by the 45 per cent-owned Seaforth Maritime was no doubt prudent, as was the closure of North American mining activities. These moves incurred net extraordinary charges of £5.9 million.

Taylor Woodrow has done well to replace its substantial overseas earnings with other sources of profits — since 1982 the proportion of contracting profits from overseas has fallen from more than 50 per cent to 7 per cent.

The group should make good progress this year, particularly if freed from loss makers which have taken the edge off the company's performance in the past.

The shares are selling at a 15 per cent premium to the no doubt conservatively stated asset value. On a pretax profit figure of at least £85 million for this year, the shares make a sound investment.



Yule Catto

Yule Catto's successful application to have its price information reclassified under chemicals rather than finance and land shares has greatly improved shareholders' perceptions as to how the group should be rated. Instead of a 40 per cent discount, the shares now stand at a 5 per cent discount to the market.

For the record, 71 per cent of last year's profits were generated by speciality chemicals and 24 per cent by building products, leaving less than 5 per cent from its palm oil and rubber plantations in Malaysia.

Calendar 1987 was not without its problems for Yule Catto. Rising synthetic latex prices badly hit operations at its Doverstrand 50-50 joint venture, and it did no better than break even last year. Interest costs rose to £300,000, compared with a £180,000 credit in the previous year.

Had it not been for a £1 million writeoff on a building project in the Far East, the plantation side would have contributed £1.8 million, rather than the £740,000 reported. Prices for both latex and palm have been buoyant.

However, the exceptional writeoff was at least partly neutralized by an investment profit of a similar amount, but lack of tax relief on the writeoff caused the tax charge to rise from 34 per cent to 38 per cent.

Excluding Doverstrand, the other speciality chemicals businesses appear to be doing well, especially Reabrook, the industrial cleaning chemicals marketing company acquired last June. Speciality chemicals profits in total rose 20 per cent to £9.8 million. Building products rose 29 per cent to £3.3 million.

Last year, Yule Catto spent £22 million on acquisitions to further its ambitions in building products and chemicals. Profits from these new subsidiaries will show a full year's contribution this year. However, £17.4 million of goodwill was written off to reserves, reducing assets per ordinary share from 64p to 49p.

After two years of 33 per cent earnings growth, this year's increase is likely to be more like 20 per cent, suggesting profits of £16.7 million. The prospective multiple is 9.8, but it is hard to see what will make the shares move in the short term.

Laura Ashley

Nothing seemed to go right for Laura Ashley, the retail group, last year. Not only did a weak dollar knock £3.5 million off profits compared with £1 million in 1986-87, but start-up delays on the new textile printing plant in Wales ran up £500,000 of unexpected costs.

In addition, development and opening costs of the US Mother and Child chain cost another £500,000 while the tax and interest charges rose.

Like-for-like growth in the company's most mature market, Britain, last year was only 5 per cent when inflation was not much less than that. Thus virtually all the growth at home came from opening stores.

Last year's results did not, therefore, show a performance likely to preserve the group's above-average stock market rating. And this is even bearing in mind the premium rightly awarded to the company's ackowledged position as a high-quality, niche retailer.

But the current year has started well with like-for-like sales in all regions up by more than 10 per cent. Moreover, the home furnishing collection has been restored to favour after a year of dull demand.

The home furnishing concept appears to be more easily transported across national frontiers than the clothing, if the response in Japan and continental Europe is anything to go by.

Gearing soared to 50 per cent last year and will rise further during 1988-89, but should end up under 55 per cent. The thrust of the medium-term development programme is in the retail side of the group, after several years of heavy capital expenditure on the manufacturing plants.

Other specialist retail names, Willis & Geiger in the US and Penhaligon in Britain, will be developed, as will the core Laura Ashley retail chain.

Barring unforeseen factors, Laura Ashley should make £26.5 million this year. The shares remain very fully priced, especially since there is the risk that the cost of establishing the group on a truly international basis could prove crippling to a group of this size.

STOCK MARKET

John Crowther counterbid imminent

The odds are growing shorter on a counter-bid for **John Crowther**, the textiles group which is the target of an agreed £215 million offer from **Coloroll**, the acquisitive wall coverings and soft furnishing group headed by Mr John Ashcroft.

Thomas Robinson, the fast-growing industrial conglomerate, has been building up a stake in Crowther — and has been paying over the odds for the privilege, according to whispers in the City.

Crowther ended yesterday 1p firmer at 186p. That compares with the one-for-one terms from Coloroll worth 182p at last night's closing price.

Thomas Robinson boasts an impressive growth record under the leadership of Mr Graham Rudd, whose brother Nigel runs Williams Holdings, another industrial conglomerate which has enjoyed its share of successful takeovers in recent years.

Market sources claim Thomas Robinson is now putting together a cash offer for Crowther which, if succesful, will catapult it into the big time. Mr Rudd was unavailable for comment last night and Mr William Rhodes, the company's managing director, said: "We don't comment on that sort of thing." Shares of Thomas Robinson finished 3p dearer at 464p.

The rest of the equity market remained firm despite fading hopes of another cut in bank base rates later this week. Once again most of the early attention was focused on bid situations while turnover remained pitifully thin. By the close of business fewer than 400 million shares had been traded.

But a firm start to trading on Wall Street enabled share prices to close near their best levels of the day. This was reflected in the FT-SE 100 index which again started to nudge towards the psychologically important 1,800-level with a rise of 9.9 points to 1,797.7. The narrower FT 30 share index gained 6.6 to close at at 1,426.2.

Government securities appeared to lose their way as hopes of cheaper money suffered a setback. Prices at the longer end of the market closed with losses stretching to £¼ in thin trade.

Shares of Sun Life, the sole remaining quoted pure life assurance company, leapt 120p to £11.60p on growing hopes that a bid for the company may be imminent. Liberty Life of South Africa holds a 25 per cent stake through its Transatlantic Holdings offshoot and continues to head the list of likely suitors.

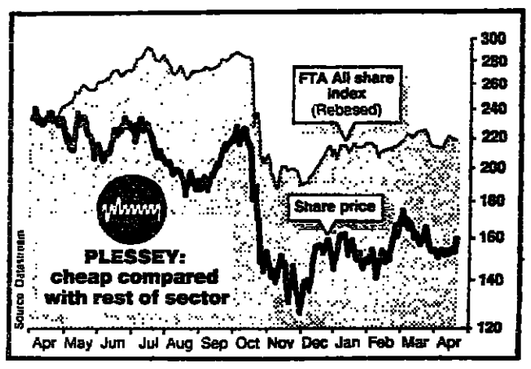
Merrill Lynch, the New York securities house nicknamed the Thundering Herd, is a fan of Plessey and was behind yesterday's flurry of activity, which saw the share price climb 8p to 161p and drag the rest of the electronic sector with it.

Merrill reckons Plessey will be able to take advantage of any rationalization benefits after the merger of its telcommunications business with GEC and is strengthening its defence operations with some niche acquisitions.

The market expects pretax profits at Plessey to fall from £184 million to £170 million in the current year and recover to a record £206 million in 1989. Merrill reckons Plessey's prospective profits growth of 15 per cent is above the sector average while the shares are rated below the sector average.

Another five million Rowntree shares changed hands as some dealers decided to cash in and take profits before the end of the account. The selling was absorbed as market-makers were only too pleased to get the stock on their books with the prospect of an overseas bid for the company looming after Jacob Suchard's dawn raid for a 15 per cent stake.

After reacting to 725p, the shares recovered to close unaltered at 738p.



Tate & Lyle, the Mr Cube sugar group, which is bidding £708 million in cash for Staley Continental, the leading North American manufacturer of sweeteners, jumped 20p to 774p in thin trading.

Hillsdown Holdings, the acquisitive food to furniture group, has built up a 3.5 per cent stake in the company and there was speculation that it was in the market for more shares.

Buyers are showing increased interest in **Ratners**, Britain's biggest jewellery chain, ahead of next Tuesday's full-year results. The shares moved between the extremes of 258p and 254p before closing unaltered at 257p.

Mr Mark Chewter, analyst at SBCI Savory Milln, the broker, rates the shares a buy and is looking forward to some bumper profits.

He says that strong trading after Christmas in both Britain and the US could lead to a better profit outcome than the current market projection of £47.5 million. Last year the group made profits of £22.5 million.

There is also the possibility of Ratners making an acquisition in the US by the end of the month, but this will be funded by borrowings and not paper. Net gearing is about 21 per cent and the H Samuel property portfolio includes £65 million to £70 million worth of freeholds and long leaseholds which could be used to raise cash.

Interest in the rest of the stores sector was undermined by a placing of shares by **Marks and Spencer**.

M&S fell to 180p before closing 4p cheaper at 181p as a block of two million shares was placed at 283p, with a further 1.2 million at 284p.

Both deals were completed by a leading market-maker with the minimum of fuss, but coming on a quiet day tended to deter any further investment enterprise.

However, dealers remain optimistic about short-term prospects. A bullish circular from a leading securities house on the strategy behind the group's acquisition of Brooks Brothers is due to hit the City any day now and this will obviously help sentiment.

Fisons, the drugs, scientific instrument and horticulture group, which has underperformed the FT All-Share index over the past 18 months, returned to favour closing 10p higher at 245p as two million shares changed hands.

Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, reckons Fisons is a buy and believes this underperformance is due for a reversal.

Mr Peter Woods, health and household analyst at BZW, says Intal, the group's ageing anti-asthmatic drug, still has susbstantial growth ahead of it. Meanwhile, Tilade, its new anti-asthmatic drug, remains an exciting prospect and the quality and breadth of the remainder of Fisons' research and development portfolio has not, until now, been fully appreciated.

Mr Woods also believes that the shorter-term newsflow on pentamidine, the drug for Aids-related pneumonia should become increasingly positive.

Mr Paul Woodhouse, analyst at Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, is a fan of Fisons and also thinks the shares are a buy.

He says any disappointment the City might have shown with the development of its Tilade drug is now definitely in the price. Worries about the effect a US-led recession would have on its scientific and horticulture interests have been greatly exaggerated.

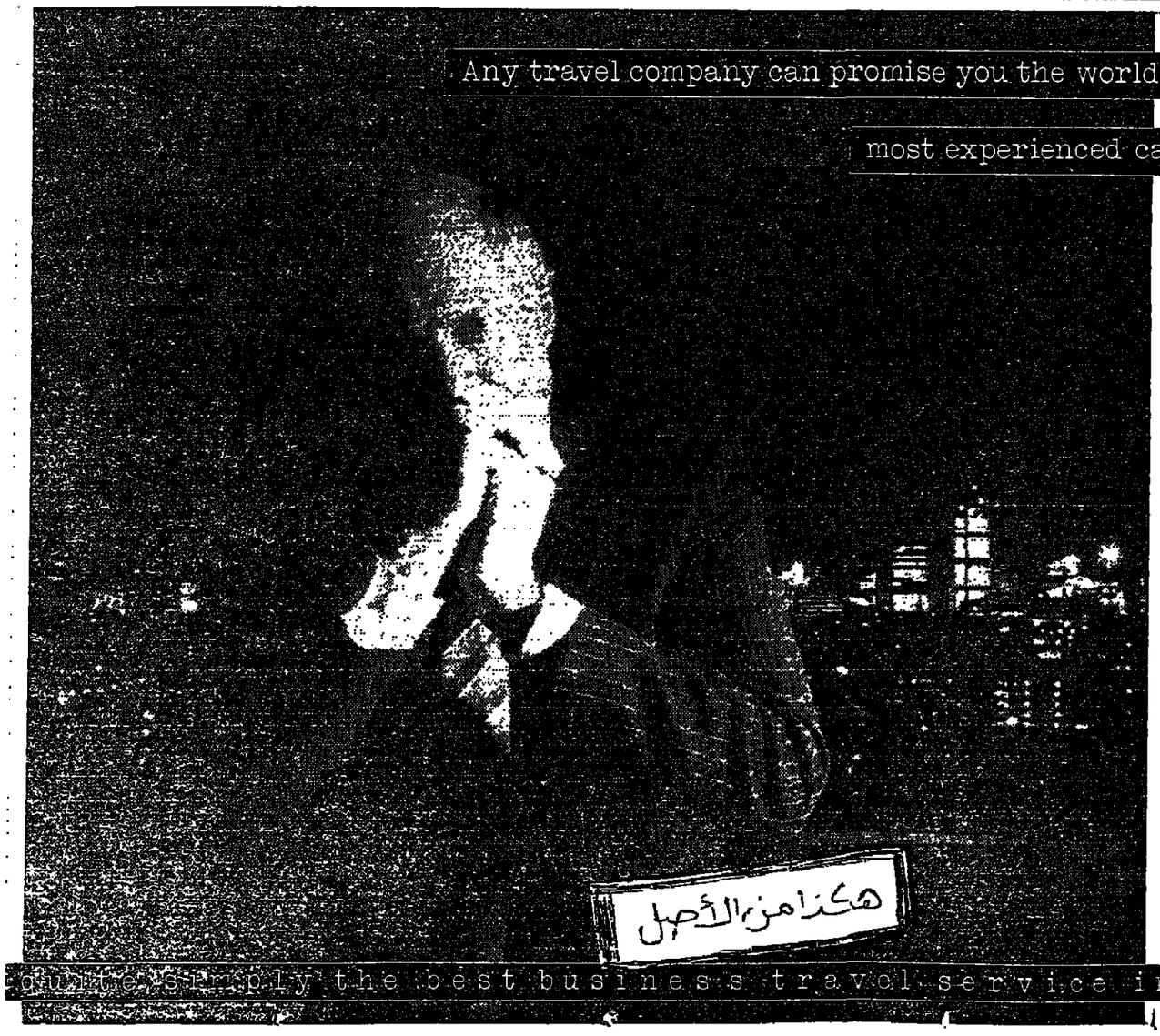
One dealer also suggested that takeover speculation could also extend to Fisons with more than 50 per cent of its sales in the US. Ciba-Geigy, and Hoffman-La Roche, the cash-rich Swiss groups, are possible predators and the upside on a bid would be almost 50 per cent.

Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings April 18	Last Dealings April 29	Last Declaration July 14	For Settlement July 25

Call options were taken out on: 19/4/88 Astra Trust, Western Motor, Thomson T-Line, Shell, T Cowie, Premier Consolidated Oilfields, Ferranti, Eagle Trust, Shiloh, Barclays, Storehouse, Sovereign Oil & Gas, CASE Group, Blacks Leisure, Norfolk Capital, Reliant Motor, Broad Street, BOMS, Rowntree.
Puts: Rowntree, Underwoods.



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To receive and consider the accounts and the report of the directors for the year ended 31st December 1987.

To re-elect directors.

To re-appoint Deloitte Haskins and Sells as auditors and to authorise the directors to determine their remuneration.

By order of the Board, K H McBrien, General Manager, National Provident House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

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Laura Ashley profits rise disappointing 3% to £23m

By Alexandra Jackson

Pretax profits at Laura Ashley advanced a disappointing 3 per cent to £23.1 million last year, with earnings per share edging ahead from 7.2p to 7.3p.

Sales, however, in the year to end-January advanced from £170.9 million to £201.5 million. A final dividend of 1.5p was declared.

Mr John James, the group chief executive, said: "At the beginning of the year we had hoped for something better than this but by the end, taking everything into account, we were quite pleased."

Mr James said the dollar's weakness affected not only the translation of dollar sales and profits from the group's 140 outlets in North America, but also depressed profits earned by the group through its policy of selling goods forward to the US market.

The weak dollar also increased purchasing costs. Taking these factors into account, Laura Ashley's profits were depressed by £2.5 million more in 1987-88 than in 1986-87.

Despite these setbacks, Mr James reiterated the group's intention to continue to invest in the US. "It is the world's biggest retail market" he said.



Smiling through: John James with company wares yesterday (Photograph: James Morgan)

Laura Ashley acquired Penhaligon's, the British-based specialist retailer of perfumery and silverware, during the year, as well as Willis & Geiger, the US retailer of specialist leisure clothes. It has plans to develop these chains on a nationwide basis.

Laura Ashley is also looking at other specialist retail chains while developing its own in-house Mother and Child operation. This has been successfully established in the US and will be brought to Continental Europe in the current year.

Sales in Britain and Ireland, where the group has 140 outlets, increased by 22 per cent. But stripping out the effect of opening 31 stores, including seven Homebases — home furnishing outlets in the Sainsbury DIY stores — and five Penhaligon's, the sales growth was 5 per cent. There are plans to open 24 further outlets during 1988-89.

The group has 365 shops worldwide, and plans to add 79 this year.

City analysts had been expecting poor results from the group so the shares rose 2p to 117p.

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Magnet sale queue starts

By Our City Staff

Magnet, the manufacturer and retailer of timber and do-it-yourself products, has received more than a dozen inquiries after its decision to put its timber importing, wholesaling and processing business, Southerns-Evans, up for sale.

These include Hillsdown Holdings and Meyer International both already well represented in this field. Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank, acting for Magnet, is sending out details of the £97 million turnover of Southerns-Evans business this week. It will draw up a short list by May 10, and hopes to complete the sale by mid-June.

Mr Tom Duxbury, chairman and chief executive, said: "With £50 million of capital employed in this company, we hope to sell it for considerably more than this." Market estimates point to a price of at least £70 million which suggests an exit p/e of about 12 times 1987-88 operating profits of £9.5 million. This places the business at a premium of at least 40 per cent above comparable quoted timber companies.

Mr Duxbury explained: "Southerns-Evans has very little relevance to our core businesses where our strategy is to concentrate on the manufacture and retailing of home improvement and DIY products. However, it would fit in well to a number of other companies."

Mr Harry Solomon, chairman, of Hillsdown Holdings, said: "We could be interested and are getting further details. But we are not known for overpaying so will not go ahead unless the price is right."

Mr Richard Jewson, managing director, of Meyer International, was equally concerned about the price. "We will have to see how it would fit with our existing businesses," he said.

While interpreting this move as part of an expected consolidation of Magnet's growing position in the DIY retailing market, some City commentators believe it makes Magnet itself more vulnerable to a takeover bid. Its retail-oriented chain of DIY stores could be attractive either to many of the leading DIY operators, or someone keen to get into this market.

Analysts are expecting Magnet to have made £55 million pretax profits in the year to March 1988. The results are due to be published in June.

COMMENT David Brewerton

Hammerson reveals takeover weakness

A touch of parsimony with the final dividend robbed Hammerson Property Investment and Development Corporation of a moment of glory. What could have been a triumph of good management over adverse currency swings became a disappointment, and the "A" shares fell 13p to 575p. Even the Ordinary shares, superior only in the event of a takeover or winding-up, lost 9p to 605p.

Hammerson has become one of the most opportunistic among the major British property groups, and its acquisition programme, much of it corporately fertilized rather than organically grown, has pushed shareholders' funds beyond the billion-pound mark for the first time. In terms of assets per share, the shareholders now have 650p in the balance sheet, up from 601p a year earlier. That looks a fair achievement until it is recalled that assets per shares were above the 600p level way back in 1984, and that in the whole of the last four years, assets per share have grown by only 25 per cent.

That is not due to poor management, at least not due to poor property management. Sydney Mason, the chairman, has spent the best part of 40 years perfecting the property act at Hammerson, and it is now extremely slick. But polishing the assets is only half the story: the other chapters concern care of the liabilities. In the case of Hammerson, the shareholders have been robbed by currency fluctuations: had exchange rates remained even at their end-1986 levels, the net asset value at end-1987 would have been 696p and not 650p. Hammerson, and it is not alone, regards the currency risk as belonging to the shareholder: once a foreign currency liability is covered by an asset, the responsibility seems to end there. Hardly comforting for shareholders, or for that matter directors, of a company to see hard work and good management wiped out across the exchanges.

International companies need to take a broader view. That said, it is hard to fault Hammerson's asset management. It has spent the last year on housekeeping and has managed to sell £57 million of property which yielded a gross rental income of only £1.8 million.

The bad news for the buyers is that Hammerson considered the property ex-growth, which probably means it was.

The bad news for Hammerson is that the £14 million of extraordinary profits thrown up by the sales illustrates the potential in the company for any bidder prepared to contemplate a break-up, especially since the change in capital gains tax rules in the Budget cancelled £50 million of contingent capital gains tax liability.

Share reserve at Sotheby's

If you want to control a company, you have to own the shares. Or do you? Generations of financiers have dedicated themselves to getting round this problem so that they can lay their hands on the cash while keeping control of their company. Pyramids of control, inter-locking shareholdings and non-voting shares have all had their day.

There is every precedent for investors to be suspicious of such set-ups. Often, outside investors have been prepared to back the original entrepreneurs on their own terms and have done well. The trouble often comes when initially dynamic figures or their offspring grow tired, or when the pleasures of megalomania leave little time to manage the business.

It is not simply that discipline is lacking because what Americans call "the market for corporate control" does not operate. The structure itself seems to invite those in control to see their company as an institution.

That appears to be the thinking of Mr Alfred Taubman and his colleagues at Sotheby's. They seek the capital uplift of public flotation without outside interference in the holy business of selling the world's art treasures to the highest bidder.

There is no reason why they should not be allowed to do so — or indeed why some companies should not be run as national institutions, provided investors have their eyes open before putting up their money.

Britain's pension funds and insurance companies have set their hearts against non-voting (or low-voting) shares in new public flotations. Occasionally, as with Reuters or the old television companies, they swallow their principles to back an outstanding investment, especially where there is some genuine reason for restricting control. They seem less likely to make such an exception for Sotheby's, which will be left for private investors who think that some of the quality of the goods in the salerooms will rub off on the shares.

Small investors might ponder whether there is not a more satisfactory way of protecting companies from the dawn raids of corporate pirates. Restricting the votes usable on any shareholding (as once practised by Lloyds Bank) keeps theoretical discipline but puts the power in the hands of small shareholders as a whole — who are usually prepared to give management the benefit of the doubt.

Big shareholders would then exercise their power through the boardroom, where it belongs. But some financial institutions appear to want power without responsibility — the power to sell their shareholdings to corporate raiders without the bother of worrying about the fate or direction of the company they own.

Concorde in reverse takeover

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

An independent British oil company is to be created out of the acquisition by Concorde Energy, an existing UK-quoted oil company, of the California-based oil group Kelt Holdings.

Kelt is wholly owned by M Hubert Perrodo, a Frenchman who acts as the official adviser on oil policy to Gabon, the Opec member, and owns 50 per cent of Concorde.

The move is effectively a reverse takeover and the new company will be quoted on the London Stock Exchange from today as Kelt Energy. Oil analysts are expecting that the price will be about 80p a share compared with the 64p price at which Concorde ended. The move will create a new debt-free company worth about £220 million.

Mr Perrodo will own 85 per cent of the company but it is planned that his holding will drop to 75 per cent.

The Concorde takeover will cost £48 million and is being financed by an issue of ordinary and preference shares which have been placed in London by Laurence Prust.

Former Distillers investor sues Guinness for damages

By Lawrence Lever

Mr Nicholas Tidmarsh, a former Distillers shareholder, has issued a writ against both Guinness and Morgan Grenfell, claiming damages for misrepresentation.

Mr Tidmarsh, aged 28, unemployed and living at home in Kent with his guardians, earned himself a 26-word mention in the Guinness annual report and accounts published yesterday as a result of his legal action.

The writ, issued on January 19, is the first to be issued by a former shareholder in Distillers, which was taken over by Guinness. It claims "damages for misrepresentation" in Guinness's offer documents.

Mr Tidmarsh owned 1,000 Distillers shares which he assented to the Guinness bid.

"Joe Average shareholders like me don't have much say in how big companies are run," he said yesterday.

"I just thought it was maybe time for someone like me to throw his hat into the ring and try and get this mess sorted out.

"It's a matter of principle. Some people might think I'm a kind of fool making an unnecessary amount of fuss."

The alleged misrepresentation centres around references in the Guinness offer documents to the Guinness share price. At the time Morgan Grenfell was the merchant bank adviser to Guinness.

Mr Tidmarsh's solicitors, in correspondence with Herbert Smith, solicitor for Guinness, allege that these references implied that the price "reflected the normal workings of the Stock Exchange". They claim that events have shown this not to be correct, and therefore that Mr Tidmarsh has been the victim of a misrepresentation.

The writ has been served on Guinness and Morgan Grenfell. Mr Tidmarsh's solicitors do not act for any other former Distillers shareholders, although they say that a number have been in contact

Building society buys broker

By Our City Staff

In the first diversification of its type, a British building society is to buy a stockbroker.

Norwich and Peterborough Building Society, the country's 24th largest society with assets of £650 million, has entered into a conditional agreement to acquire the Norwich stockbroker Waters Lunniss and Co.

The deal depends on approval of the relevant authorities, and should be complete by the autumn after the extension to building societies' powers becomes operational.

Mr Ian Ward, general manager of Norwich and Peterborough, says the acquisition of a stockbroker is a logical extension to the wide range of financial and banking services the society now provides through its 60 branches in East Anglia, and that new openings in various towns in its area of operation are planned.

Motor group placing

By Colin Campbell

Dagenham Motors Group, born of a 1981 management buyout, is coming to the market next Tuesday after a placing of seven million shares at 110p each. The placing, which represents 42.3 per cent of the enlarged equity, will raise £3 million net.

The group, holder of four Ford car and van dealerships and two Iveco Ford truck specialist dealerships in the South-east of England, will have a market capitalization of £18.2 million.

At the placing price, Dagenham has an historic price-earnings ratio of 8.7 times. Pretax profit has risen from £397,000 in 1983 to £2.26 million in 1987.

Investors in Industry (3i), Gresham Trust, and Charterhouse — all founder shareholders — will each have a 15.5 per cent stake in the group after the placing.

Bodycote hits £8.06m

By Martin Waller

Bodycote International, the metal treatment and protective clothing group, raised its pretax profits in 1987 by 76 per cent to £8.06 million, on turnover up 31 per cent at £61.37 million.

About 20 per cent of the profits increase was organic, said Mr Joe Dwek, the chairman, with the balance coming from acquisitions.

With nil gearing, the group is well placed for further expansion.

The group already has one European operation, EHCO-KLM Kleding, which provided 80 per cent of pretax profits in the protective clothing division.

The metal technology division boosted profits by 27 per cent.

A final dividend of 3p made a total of 5p, up 1p on 1986.

Akers stays home . . . and away?

A row is brewing between Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers and rival City firm Kleinwort Benson over the future of Chris Akers, aged 23, the advertising agency analyst reputed to have been offered a £100,000 a year package to move from Scrimgeour to Kleinwort. While Scrimgeour chief executive John Hewitt paid for Akers to treat himself to a slap-up meal at a top restaurant on Monday night, in celebration of his decision to stay with the firm after all, sources at Kleinwort tell me that Akers — who moved into the City from ad agency Saatchi & Saatchi only three months ago — signed a contract last week to work for them. And under no circumstances, I am assured, is Kleinwort prepared to release him from that agreement — which obliges Akers to give Kleinwort three months' notice should he wish to change jobs yet again. I can also reveal that while Hewitt claims he has persuaded Akers to stay without any increase in his £35,000 salary — "We have not given him a pay rise. I explained to him that we have ambitious plans to broaden our coverage of agencies and that his rewards will increase as it expands" — he was in fact only being offered some £3,000 more by KB, with no guaranteed bonus. Poor Akers seems to be in the midst of a tug-of-love battle — with the unpleasant mud slinging and rumour-mongering that that often entails. He must be ageing rather quickly.

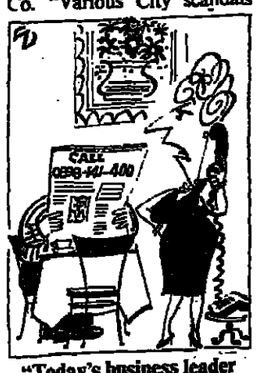
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Bond's designer stubbie

Celebrations have started early for Australian millionaire Alan Bond's 50th birthday on Friday. Taken out for what he thought was to be a quiet glass or two of champagne by Warren Jones, manager of his America's Cup challenges, at trendy Kim's Bar and Café in Claremont, the Perth suburb where he lives, burly Bondy found himself in the middle of a surprise party. The 50 or so guests, clutching banners proclaiming "What a laugh, Bondy's 49½," presented him with a pair of boxer shorts. Not known for his bashfulness, Bondie, a one-time signwriter from Ealing, London, turned his back on his audience, dropped his trousers and donned the shorts. He was also given a commemorative "stubbie" — a bottle of beer — with his own face on the label, thus giving rise to a new nickname for the increasingly portly entrepreneur.

Talk talk

A timely reminder on the responsibilities of directors has been published in a book prepared by Guinness Mahon and City solicitor SJ Berwin & Co. "Various City scandals have been a sharp reminder of their [directors'] legal responsibilities," the authors say. There is an interesting section on how to deal with the Press, which gives a clear explanation of the four bases on which a discussion may be held with "a reputable journalist." These are: "on the record," "non-attributable," "off the record" and "not for use." Unfortunately, the authors give no guidance on how to tell whether the journalist is reputable in the first place.



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Regency buck-up

The Brighton-based Regency Building Society is in for the biggest shake-up of its 115-year life. For today, Douglas Baker, chairman of accountancy firm Touche Ross, is being elected its chairman — "an active, non-executive one" — and on Friday he will, I hear, unveil plans to more than double its assets, from £435 million to £1 billion, within the next two years. "At present it is ranked about 30th in the league table of building societies, and we want to get it into the top 20 by 1990," Baker tells me. His interest in the Regency — known as the Sussex Mutual Building Society until it merged with the Sussex County Building Society two years ago — dates back to his childhood. He was born and bred in Brighton, and now commutes into London from his home in nearby Lewes. After more than 40 years — Baker started work for Touche as a junior audit clerk at the age of 16 — that commuting will, however, soon cease. Now aged 58, he apparently plans to retire from Touche in his 60th year, to concentrate on the Regency and his other non-executive roles. He is additionally a director of LIG, Bank of Scotland and Merrett Group, the Lloyd's agent which plans to go public this year.

● *Mob Star*, a book about John Gotti, the US Mafia boss, recounts the time he met recording industry executives seeking venture capital for a new artist. He refused, claiming the music industry was "too dishonest."

Carol Leonard

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Government urged to ease VAT impact on property

By Colin Narbrough

The Government was yesterday urged to introduce the concept of an "option to tax" to soften the impact of bringing Britain's VAT rules on commercial property and construction into line with European law.

The call came with a study by Coopers & Lybrand, the accountancy group, and Savills, the chartered surveyor, into the likely reaction in the City and other parts of the market to the probable imposition of VAT.

New buildings are now largely outside the scope of VAT. The "option to tax" would allow fully taxable businesses to reclaim VAT charged by the developer and allow the developer to recover VAT paid on construction costs.

Tenants unable to reclaim VAT would be able to negotiate with the developer in order not to pay the charge.

A key conclusion is that inner-city redevelopment may become relatively more attractive to out-of-town, greenfield sites.

The extra cost that VAT will bring is not, however, expected to stifle demand for new buildings, which the market nowadays requires, on overall cost grounds.



New potential: redevelopment of City properties could become more attractive

The study anticipates a hiccup in the supply of development land, due to the new VAT rules, lasting from three months to two years.

The Treasury has put the burden of the VAT changes at some £350 million, a figure that will be only partially reflected in property values.

The European Court is not expected to give its decision on Britain's VAT rules before early summer, but is widely expected to follow the preliminary opinion, given in December, of the Advocate-General. He considered that only new house construction should remain zero-rated.

Assuming European law is fully implemented, Coopers and Savills foresee the need for a "radical rethink" of attitudes. Sales of new building land, at present exempted, will become subject to VAT at 15 per cent, all new construction work will be VAT chargeable rather than zero-rated, as too will be freehold sales of new buildings.

Future sales of existing commercial buildings by the constructors will become exempt, unless the "option to tax" is taken. It is up to the Government to choose whether to allow this option which does not exist in English law. All leases of new buildings will become exempt, also with the option to tax.

SBJ buys to broaden activities

By Alison Eadie

Steel Burrill Jones Group, the Lloyd's broker, is using two acquisitions to lessen its dependence on dollar earnings and marine excess-of-loss insurance.

It is also strengthening its board

SBJ is paying up to £6.2 million for H Stephenson & Co, a regional insurance broker specializing in corporate risks insurance broking, pensions and personal financial planning for industrial and commercial concerns.

The other buy is for up to £1 million for Ansford, an insurance consultancy run by Mr George Boden and Mr Tony Keys. Mr Boden and Mr Keys were directors of Stewart Wrightson until October.

Mr Bill Barratt, who resigned from Willis Faber and was chief executive of Stewart Wrightson's London region corporate risks subsidiary, joins SBJ's board and becomes chief executive of Stephenson. Mr John Wynn, the chairman of Stephenson, is also joining the board.

Both deals have initial payments to be topped up by incentive-related deferred payments. The first 80 per cent of Stephenson will cost £3.4 million and Ansford £300,000.

GEC pays £22m in deal with Rank

By Martin Waller

Rank Organisation, the leisure and entertainments group, has sold its thermal imaging business to General Electric Company for £22 million.

The operations sold, which employ about 280 people, are Rank Pullin Controls and the related military thermography business at Rank Taylor Hobson. Both are part of Rank's precision industries division.

The total annual turnover of the businesses being sold is reckoned to be more than £10 million, against a total for the division in the past financial year of £126 million.

Mr Nigel Turnbull, the finance director of Rank Organisation, said the thermal imaging business, which makes sights for military vehicles, was highly cyclical in nature and heavily reliant on the flow of military orders.

"By selling it for £22 million we will improve our earnings per share," he said.

"It really is not a business that fits naturally into the Rank Organisation, but it is one that fits much better into GEC and gives them access to technology which they don't have at the moment."

Rank Taylor Hobson will now concentrate on its industrial metrology products. The money will be invested elsewhere in the group.

Rank also announced this week that it was paying $90 million (£47.26 million) for a video duplication business in the United States.

Thomas Cook choice

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Mr Christopher Rodrigues, who resigned last Friday as managing director of American Express Travel, is to join Thomas Cook, the travel and travellers' cheque subsidiary of Midland Bank.

His appointment is part of a wider management reorganization at Thomas Cook which may presage a repositioning of the subsidiary within the Midland group.

The appointment is believed to have been made by Midland Bank itself.

Mr Rodrigues's job is expected to include a programme of cost-cutting, which has become a priority throughout Midland. He will be reporting directly to Mr Peter Middleton, chief executive of Thomas Cook.

Bardsey pays first final since 1983

By Alison Eadie

Bardsey, the manufacturer and distributor of hand tools, showed a strong recovery in the year to the end of December with pretax profits of £812,000 against £249,000 the previous year.

Borrowings were reduced by £1 million and a final dividend of 0.25p was recommended – the first since 1983.

The boost to profitability came from the core businesses of Rabone Chesterman and RCF Tools after the reduction of costs, investment in efficient high technology manufacturing, improved control of working capital and new product development. The loss making business of Leylux, sold for less than book value last year, gave rise to an extraordinary cost of £125,000.

Bardsey believes there is scope for further organic growth, particularly with new products coming on stream.

Bardsey is also looking for acquisitions in the tools field of mainly private companies with turnovers of at least £5 million.

Hartons tops £5m to meet forecast

Hartons Group, the plastics distributor and PVC foam maker, has met the profits forecast it made at the time of the March rights issue and turned in pretax profits of £5.1 million for the year to end-December.

The profits compare with £2.54 million previously.

A final dividend of 0.87p is declared, making 1.48p for the year. The shares yesterday rose 5p to 54p.

Eadie in £5.5m deal

By Our City Staff

Eadie Holdings, the wire manufacturer, is buying Ross & Bonnyman, a private manufacturer of truck tail-lifts, roll pallets and wheelchairs, for a maximum £5.5 million. An initial payment of £3.25 million will be topped up by a maximum £2.25 million depending on future profits.

Eadie said that the acquisition together with Pesca Engineering will form the basis of a new division in transport and equipment. Ross & Bonnyman made pretax profits in the nine months to the end of December of £501,000 against £366,000 in the year to the end of March.

Eadie is raising £2.22 million net of expenses in a four-for-seven rights issue at 41p a share. It has also reported pretax profits in the year to the end of December of £318,000

Dow edges higher in early trade

New York (Reuter) – The stock market moved higher along with the bond market in early trading yesterday. Bargain-hunting accounted for part of the advance, traders said.

A firm dollar and a March housing rise that was on target with estimates lent support, they added.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 10.28 to 2,018.40 at one stage when the transport indicator was up 2.54 to 838.71.

- **Frankfurt** – German share prices opened firmer across the board, buoyed by the dollar's steadiness. The Commerzbank index gained 8.3 points to 1,398.1.
- **Tokyo** – Prices closed easier in moderately active trade, with the Nikkei average shedding 14.45 points to close at 26,657.00.
- **Hong Kong** – Share prices ended sharply higher, with the Hang Seng index closing 41.97 points higher to 2,593.93.

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	Apr 18	Apr 15
AMR Cp	41¾	41
ASA	48¼	45¼
Aetna Life	42¾	42¾
Allied Signal	31⅝	32¼
Allis Chlm	1⅛	1
Alcoa	43½	43
Amax Inc	20⅞	20¼
AMR Hess	30	29¾
Am Brands	43	42¾
Am Cyanmd	48¾	48¾
Am Ele Pwr	26⅛	25⅞
Amexs	24½	24¾
Am Family	15⅞	15¾
Am Home	78	79
Am Int Grp	52¼	52⅝
Am Stand	77	76⅛
Am Telph	26⅝	26¼
Amoco Cp	78¾	77½
Anheuser B	31⅝	31⅝
Armco Steel	11⅛	11½
Asarco Inc	24	22½
Ashland Oil	68½	68¾
Atl Richfld	87½	88¾
Avon Prod	23¾	24¼
Bk Boston	24	23¾
Bank NY	31¾	31½
Bankamer	9⅞	10⅜
Bkrs Tst NY	30⅞	31⅝
Baxter	22¼	22¼
Beth Steel	21	19¼
Boeing	45⅝	46⅝
Boise Casc	45¾	46
Borden	52¾	51¾
Bristol Meyr	40⅝	40
BP	63⅜	61⅝
Brunswick	22⅞	21½
Burl Nth	69½	69½
CBS	154	154½
CMS Engy	17⅛	17
CPC Int	46½	46⅛
CSX Cp	28½	29
Camp Soup	26⅝	26⅝
Can Pacific	19⅛	19⅛
Caterpillar	62¼	61¼
Centrl SW	30¼	30⅝
Champion	34⅜	34¾
Chase Man	25⅛	25
Chem NY	23¾	23¾
Chevron	47⅞	48⅜
Chrysler	23¾	23¾
Chbcorp	19⅛	18⅝
Clark Eq	27½	27¾
Coca Cola	37⅝	38⅛
Colgate	40¾	40¾
Columb Gas	28⅛	27½
Cmb'tn Eng	31	30¾
Cmwlth Edi	23¾	24
Cons Edis	42⅞	43¾
Consol Ng	36	36⅛
Cont Data	24¾	24¾
Corning Gl	51¾	51¾
Crane	29⅝	29¾
Curtiss W	50¾	50¾
Data Genl	24	23¾
Deere Co	44¾	45¾
Delta Airl	48¾	48¼
Detroit Edi	13¾	13¾
Digital Eq	101	101½
Disney	55⅝	56
Dow Chem	82¾	83¼
Dresr Ind	34	33¾
Dupont	84¾	82¼
Duke Pwr	43¾	44⅛
East Kodak	40¼	40½
Eaton Cp	80½	80½
Emerson El	30⅛	30⅝
Emery Air	6¾	6¼
Exxon	43⅞	43¾
Farah Inc	9¾	9¾
Fedders	9	8¾
Firestone	79¾	79⅛
Fst Chicago	25	25
Fst Int Bncp	42¾	43
Fst Penn C	10⅞	10⅝
FT Wachvia	38¾	38¾
Ford Motor	45⅞	45¾
GAF Cp	50	49½
GTE Cp	35	34¼
Gen Cp	17¾	17⅞
Gn Dynam	53¾	53⅝
Gen Electric	39½	40
Gen Inst	31½	31¼
Gen Mills	46¼	46¾
Gen Motors	71¾	72¾
Gen Pub Ut	32¾	32½
Genesco	3⅞	3¾
Georgia Pac	39⅛	38⅞
Gillette	42¼	41
Goodrich	53	51½
Goodyear	82¼	83
Gould Inc	11	10⅞
Grace Cp	27¼	26
Grt Atl Pac	35½	35⅛
Greyhnd	30⅝	30
Gruman	21⅝	22
Gulf & West	77	78⅛
Heinz	42	42¾
Hercules	48¼	48⅛
Hewlett Pk	61⅝	62¾
Honeywell	67¾	67¾
IC Ind	33¼	33¾
ITT Cp	45½	46
INCO	29	26⅝
Ing Rand Wi	37⅝	37¾
Inland Steel	32¾	32¼
IBM	114¾	114¾
Int Paper	42⅝	42¾
Irving Bk	60¾	61¾
Jhsn & Jhsn	78⅝	79⅝
K Mart	33¾	33½
Kaisertech	14¾	14⅝
Kerr McGee	37½	36¾
Kimbrly Clrk	55½	54¾
Kraft	51¾	52½
Kroger	31¾	31½
LTV Cp	3¾	3¼
Litton	81⅞	83
Lockheed	44¼	44
Lucky Str	32¾	32
Man H'wer	26	25¾
Manville	2⅝	2⅝
Mapco	54¼	53¾
Marriott	28¾	29¼
Mt Marrieta	42¾	42¾
Masco	26⅝	26¾
Mcdonalds	42¼	42¾
McDonnell	64¼	64¼
Mead Cp	37¼	37½
Merck	157½	159⅜
Minsta Mng	58¾	58¾
Mobil	46¾	46½
Monsanto	80½	80¾
Montedison	13¾	13¼
Morgan Jp	32	32
Motorola	47	46¾
NCR	60¼	60½
NL Indstrs	7	6½
Nat Md Ent	21⅞	21¾
Nat Semi	12¾	12⅝
Norfolk Sth	27¾	27¾
NW Bancrp	41¼	42¾
Occid Pet	25¾	26¼
Ogden Cp	29¾	30
Olin Cp	48¾	48¾
PPG Ind	40¾	40¼
Pac Gas El	15¾	15¾
Pan Am	2¾	2¾
Penney JC	47¾	47¾
Pennzoil	74½	75
Pepsico	34¾	35¼
Pfizer	58¾	58¾
Phelps Dod	41	40¾
Philip Mor	67	67¾
Philip Pet	17¾	17¾
Polaroid	33¾	33¾
Primerica	25¼	24¾
Procter Gble	77¾	78¾
Pub S E G	22¾	22¼
R Nabisco	50¾	50½
Raytheon	66¼	66¾
Rynlds Metl	43¾	42¾
Rockwell Int	18⅝	18¾
Royal Dutch	123⅜	122
SFE Sopac	15¾	15¾
Sara Lee	38	37¾
Schlumb	36	35⅞
Scott Paper	35¾	36¾
Seagram	32¾	32½
Sears Roeb	34¾	34¾
Shell Trans	81¾	80¾
Singer	49¾	49¾
Smith Beck	54¾	54½
Sony Cp	43¾	44¾
Sth Cal Ed	30¾	30½
SW Bell	35¼	35¾
Squibb	61	62¾
Stanf Drug	n.a	n.a
Stevens JP	68¾	67¾
Sun Comp	60	58¾
TRW Inc	44¾	45
Teledyne	328¾	330
Tenneco	42¾	43
Texaco	48¾	48¾
Tex Eastn	28¾	28¼
Texas Inst	49¾	50¾
Tex Util	25¾	25¾
Textron	24¾	25¾
Travelers	33¾	34
USG	37¾	36¾
USX Cp	32¾	32
Unilever Plc	34¾	34½
Un Carbide	22¾	22¼
Un Pac Cp	66¾	65¾
Unisys Cp	33¾	33
Utd Brands	46¾	46
Us West	51¾	51¾
Utd-Tech	39¾	39¾
Unocal	37¾	38¾
Warn Lamb	69¾	70¾
Wells Far	52¾	51¾
Westg El	51¾	52¾
Weyerhsr	37¾	37¾
Whirlpool	25	25¾
Woolworth	54¾	52¾
Xerox Cp	54¾	54¾
Zenith	18¾	18¾

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Agnco Eag	19¾	19¼
Alcan Alum	35	34¾
Algoma Stl	19.75	20
Can Pacific	23¾	23¾
Cominco	20	19¾
Con Bathrst	17	17
Hawk S Can	22¾	22½
Hud Bay M	19¾	19½
Imasco	27¾	27¾
Imperial Oil	62¾	61½
Int Pipe	47	46¾
Royl Trstco	16¾	16¾
Seagram	65¼	65
Shelico 'A'	22¾	23¾
Thmsn N 'A'	28	28¼
Varity Cp	4.25	4.35
WCT	17¾	17¾
Weston	34¾	35

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ISA Intl (80p)	126 +2
Inshops (52p)	81 +1
Lon Forfaiting (160p)	161 +1
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UK Paper (135p)	141
Vosper Thorny (160p)	185 +10

RIGHTS ISSUES

Compsoft N/P	8 +1
F&H N/P	41
Klien-E-Ze N/P	40 –10
Logica N/P	49 +4
Lucas N/P	38
Persimmon N/P	40
Tootal N/P	2¼ –¾
Wickes N/P	35
Williams (J) N/P	9½ +½

(Issue price in brackets).

APPOINTMENTS

Severfield-Reeve (Structural Engineers): Mr John Featherstone has been made a non-executive director, with Mr Peter Davison as financial controller and company secretary.

Yates's Wine Lodges: Mr Stephen Burbidge has become operations director.

Thurgar Bardex: Mr Michael Rigby has joined the board. Mr James Stait has become a director of Thurgar Bolle', with Mr Steven Jones as a director of Bardex (Plastics).

Hammerson Property Investment & Development Corporation: Mr James Riddell has been made a director.

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	8.00%
Adam & Company	8.00%
BCCI	8.00%
Consolidated Crds	8.00%
Co-operative Bank	8.00%
C. Hoare & Co	8.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	8.00%
Lloyds Bank	8.00%
Nat Westminster	8.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	8.00%
TSB	8.00%
Citibank NA	8.00%

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Allied Lyon ('401)	350	42	50	57	½	8	13
	390	13	30	40	2	20	25
	420	1	17	25	22	37	40
Bass ('844)	800	45	72	97	1½	17	27
	850	6	45	67	12	42	50
	900	2	23	45	60	75	80
Brit Air ('165)	140	27	29	33	⅛	3⅜	6
	160	8	14	18	1	12	15
	180	½	6	10	16	24	25
Brit Com ('285)	280	7	22	30	3	17	22
	300	1	13	22	17	30	32
	330	⅛	6	12	50	52	57
Brit Gas ('180)	160	20	25	–	⅛	3	–
	170	10	18	21	½	5½	9½
	180	1¼	12¼	14	2½	11	13½
BP ('279)	240	40	46	53	⅛	3	7
	260	20	32	38	1	7	12
	280	2½	18	25	4	15	20
Britoil ('520)	480	98	–	–	1	2	2
	500	82	82	70	2	3	6
	500	15	30	40	2½	8	15
Cons Gold ('920)	850	70	125	160	2	39	63
	900	25	100	120	6	63	85
	950	5	80	100	44	95	115
Courtauld ('353)	300	54	62	70	1	7	10
	330	25	38	46	11	18	22
	360	3	22	35	9	33	40
	390	1	12	–	38	54	–
Cons Union ('339)	300	37	45	55	2	6	13
	330	7	28	35	3	16	23
	360	1	14	20	28	30	40
C & W ('325)	330	4	24	35	9	27	30
	360	1	12	20	37	44	50
	390	⅛	5	12	57	58	72
GEC ('155)	140	16	22	25	1	4	8
	160	1½	9½	12	7	12	17
	180	⅛	3½	6¾	25	28	32
GKN ('301)	280	23	34	41	1	9	14
	300	5	22	30	4	15	23
	330	½	11	18	29	33	39
	350	⅛	4	–	59	60	–
Grand Met ('481)	420	62	77	85	1	7	10
	460	22	47	57	2	16	23
	500	1	22	38	22	35	43
	550	⅛	10	18	72	72	78
ICI ('982)	950	35	90	110	3	37	58
	990	3	62	80	20	58	83
	1050	1	40	–	73	90	–
	1100	1	25	43	125	122	150
Jaguar ('286)	260	27	45	56	½	8	13
	280	8	29	37	2	16	23
	300	⅛	19	25	15	27	35
Land Sec ('561)	460	108	105	112	1	3	6
	500	63	70	80	1	11	15
	550	14	35	50	4	25	35
M & S ('181)	160	23	28	32	⅛	5	7
	180	4	14	18	2½	12	15
R-Royce ('112)	110	4	12	16	1½	7	10
	120	⅜	6¾	10	9	14	15
	130	⅛	4	8	19	20	23
STC ('248)	220	29	37	41	⅛	5	9
	240	9	24	29	1½	12	16
	260	½	13	18	16	23	28
Sainsbury ('245)	220	26	31	36	1	6	7
	240	.7	17	23	4	12	16
	260	½	8	14	17	24	28
Shell ('1075)	1000	75	120	133	2	20	40
	1050	30	65	–	3	40	–
	1100	3	57	80	30	65	82
Storehse ('271)	220	53	59	63	1	6	10
	240	33	43	52	7	13	18
	260	12	33	40	2½	23	27
Trafalgar ('329)	280	3	25	32	16	35	43
	300	3⅛	18	25	38	48	52
	330	4	18	30	7	22	28
TSB ('102)	360	1½	9	17	35	43	48
	100	3½	8	11	1½	5	6
Woolworth ('289)	110	1	4	7	9	11	13
	120	½	2	4	19	21	22
	260	32	37	45	1	8	13
	280	10	25	33	4	18	23
	300	2	15	22	17	30	35

	Series	Jan	Sep	Dec	Jan	Sep	Dec
Amstrad ('159)	140	24	30	33	3	8	9
	160	13	20	22	14	17	18
	180	4	10	13	26	28	30
Barclays ('429)	460	6	22	28	37	50	55
	500	2½	10	17	75	82	87
	550	1	4	–	125	127	–
Beecham ('468)	420	68	65	75	5	15	20
	460	27	42	52	18	30	35
	500	12½	25	33	42	52	57
	550	3	–	–	87	–	–
Boots ('222)	200	27	33	38	3	9	9
	220	14	20	25	13	17	20
	240	6	13	18	26	29	32
BTR ('245)	240	19	27	32	9	15	18
	260	8	16	22	20	26	30
	280	3	9	15	37	42	42
Blue Circ ('440)	420	32	47	57	15	27	35
	460	14	28	35	40	50	56
	500	6	13	20	75	80	87
Dixons ('163)	160	28	31	34	4	7	9
	180	14	19	23	9	14	18
	200	4½	12	14	22	28	28

	Series	Jan	Sep	Dec	Jan	Sep	Dec
Glaxo ('978)	950	70	110	125	32	45	60
	1000	42	80	98	65	70	88
	1050	23	58	–	95	100	–
	1100	12	43	58	125	135	145
Hanson ('128)	120	12⅛	15	20	25⁄32	6	9
	130	5½	11	14	7	11	12
	140	2½	7	10	14½	16	18
	150	⅝	2	4½	33⅜	33⅜	–
Hawker ('460)	460	17	35	43	30	43	50
	500	6	22	28	62	70	73
	550	2½	12	18	110	110	110
Lonhro ('236)	220	25	30	35	3	10	12
	240	12	19	25	15	18	20
	260	5½	11	15	25	30	33
	280	3	5½	–	44	46	–
Rmkhnd ('394)	360	47	55	62	7	15	17
	390	23	32	42	15	27	32
	420	10	18	26	37	45	50
Sears ('128)	120	13	17	20	4	7	10
	130	5½	12	15	11	13	15
	140	3	7	11	17	19	21
Tesco ('156)	140	19	25	28	4	6	8
	150	7	12	16	12	15	18
	160	3	5	10	29	31	32
Thorn EMI ('919)	600	132	142	–	2	7	–
	650	83	100	110	7	17	27
	900	42	62	75	12	32	42
	950	20	38	42	42	57	70
TNF ('231)	220	20	25	32	5	11	13
	240	8	15	22	15	21	24
	260	2⅛	9	12	33	38	40
Unilever ('485)	460	28	48	57	19	28	33
	500	9	30	40	44	52	57
	550	2½	14	–	88	90	–
Wellcome ('466)	420	58	80	92	10	24	32
	460	33	58	78	22	42	48
	500	16	42	53	50	63	70

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAA ('113)	100	16	23	30	2½	9	10
	110	11	18	25	6	13	14
	120	5	12	19	11	18	20
Brit Aero ('409)	330	78	88	95	2	6	13
	360	52	65	73	4	11	22
	390	27	45	55	11	23	32
	420	10	30	40	27	35	47
BAT Ind ('421)	390	38	52	–	5	13	–
	420	17	35	45	14	27	33
	460	4	18	28	43	48	55
	500	1½	10	18	83	85	90
Brit Telc ('247)	220	29	34	40	1¼	6	9
	240	13	21	27	4½	12	16
	260	3	11	18	15	23	25
Cadbury ('296)	240	59	68	75	1	5	7
	280	40	52	62	2	8	11
	280	25	39	47	7	15	20
Guinness ('300)	260	45	–	60	1	–	10
	280	27	–	45	5	–	18
	300	12	–	33	10	–	28
Ladbroke ('410)	300	112	115	–	1	1	–
	330	82	85	88	1	3	7
	360	53	57	63	1	9	16
LASMO ('357)	280	78	85	97	1	5	10
	300	58	70	82	2	10	13
	330	35	50	65	6	18	25
Pilkington ('219)	200	19	25	30	5	12	15
	220	6	13	18	17	25	28
	240	3	5	10	33	40	43
Plessey ('560)	140	22	26	33	3	7	11
	160	8	16	21	9	17	21
	180	4	8	13	24	31	34
P & O ('580)	560	42	62	70	10	18	25
	600	12	35	47	32	45	52
	650	3	17	27	72	80	85
Prudential ('794)	800	30	50	76	26	40	55
	850	9	37	53	65	70	83
	900	3	22	35	110	110	120
Racal ('235)	200	39	46	51	2	5	8
	220	21	30	38	6	12	16
	240	10	17	26	13	23	27
RTZ ('358)	300	60	68	–	2½	11	–
	330	34	50	63	9	23	27
	360	16	33	44	25	37	42
	390	6	–	–	37	–	–
Vaal Reefs ('90)	80	14	18	22	2	4	7
	90	7	12	15	5	10	14
	100	2½	8	11	14	17	20
Tr 12%% 1995 ('115)	110	5²⁄₃₂	5²⁄₃₂	5²⁄

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities steady

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began April 11. Dealings end April 22. §Contango day April 25. Settlement day May 3.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	De La Rue	Industrials A-D	
2	Nobo Gp	Industrials L-R	
3	Prenwich Hldgs	Industrials L-R	
4	Worcester	Industrials S-Z	
5	Marley	Building,Roads	
6	Assoc	Building,Roads	
7	Barrett. (H)	Industrials A-D	
8	Coats. Viyella (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
9	Scot Heritable	Industrials S-Z	
10	Arlen	Electricals	
11	Bestwood	Industrials A-D	
12	RTR. (aa)	Industrials A-D	
13	ASDA Group (aa)	Foods	
14	Laird	Industrials L-R	
15	Midland (aa)	Banks,Discount	
16	Silentnight	Industrials S-Z	
17	BICC (aa)	Electricals	
18	Laporte. (aa)	Chemicals,Plas	
19	Gleeson. (M.J)	Building,Roads	
20	Utd Scientific	Electricals	
21	Howden	Industrials E-K	
22	Linread	Industrials L-R	
23	Kershaw (A)	Industrials E-K	
24	Vinten	Industrials S-Z	
25	T & S Stores	Drapery,Stores	
26	STC (aa)	Electricals	
27	Trafalgar Hse (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
28	Eurotherm	Electricals	
29	Logica	Electricals	
30	Tesco (aa)	Foods	
31	Courtney Pope	Industrials A-D	
32	Unitech	Electricals	
33	Woolworth (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
34	Optical & Med	Industrials L-R	
35	Coalit	Industrials A-D	
36	Yule Catto	Chemicals,Plas	
37	Bank Of Scotland	Banks,Discount	
38	Lovell (YJ)	Building,Roads	
39	Pentland Ind	Industrials L-R	
40	Assoc Fisheries	Foods	
41	Freshbake	Foods	
42	GEC (aa)	Electricals	
43	Hestair	Industrials E-K	
44	Beecham (aa)	Industrials A-D	

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

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DAILY DIVIDEND £4,000
Claims required for 38 points

ACCUMULATOR £38,000
Claims better than 38 points

Claimants should ring 0254-53272

BREWERIES

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
111	73	Alex Bass	90	95		2.4	2.6	17.7
153	147	Bodmin (J) Ind	150	155	+1	8.5	4.8	9.6
503	430	Bod Br Scot (ns)	500	507	-2	17.4	3.4	8.5
118	87	Bremners	95	98	-25	22.6	23	11.9
138	95	Brew Chant (ns)	135	138		4.5	3.3	12.8
395	305	Burtons Gp	385	390	+5	14.6	3.8	
135	117	Do 'A' (ns)	118	120		6.2	7.9	
33½	23	Wells Fargo	32½	33				
53	38	Whitbrd	49	49½		6.9	20	17.6

BUILDING, ROADS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
348	310	Abbey						
348	310	Anglia Sec						
348	310	Ashtead Gp						
348	310	Associated						
348	310	BPB Ind (ns)						
348	310	Bardon Hill (Brit) Constr						
348	310	Barr (Alf) Ind						
348	310	Barratt Dev						
348	310	Bellway						
348	310	Bellway Gp						
348	310	Berkeley Hmds						
348	310	Bett Bros PLC						
348	310	Bilt Dredging						
348	310	Blue Circle Ind						
348	310	Bovis & Jackson						
348	310	Bryant						
348	310	Bunnah & Hallam						
348	310	CRH						
348	310	Cakebread Robey						
348	310	Carillion						
348	310	Church Charles						
348	310	Crouch Gp						
348	310	Crudace Sth						
348	310	Cruden PLC						
348	310	Cumbrwde						
348	310	Cyril Jacobson						
348	310	Dickby Jones						
348	310	Douglas (WM)						
348	310	Do 'A'						
348	310	Edbro						
348	310	Edgcs & Dandy Ord						
348	310	Ellison (B.S)						
348	310	Ennstone Ind						
348	310	Fairclough Hldgs						
348	310	Fairview Est						
348	310	Fitzpatrick						
348	310	Forticrete Gp						
348	310	Galliford						
348	310	Gibbons (Wm)						
348	310	Glenwood						
348	310	Gleeson (M.J)						
348	310	Grassmere						
348	310	Hall (Matthew)						
348	310	Hall (R.G)						
348	310	Hall (Thos)						
348	310	Hall Engineering						
348	310	Hall Tunnelling						
348	310	Hanson						
348	310	Hardy (Alfred)						
348	310	Haynes Group						
348	310	Do 'A'						
348	310	Heiton						
348	310	Higgs & Hill						
348	310	Hillsdown Hldgs						
348	310	Holland						
348	310	Hollis Bros						
348	310	Hollis Gp						
348	310	Hopkins (John)						
348	310	Howard Tenens						
348	310	Hunting Gp						
348	310	Ibstock Johnsen						
348	310	Ind Precision						
348	310	Ingall (W)						
348	310	Inspec Gp						
348	310	Jarvis (J) & Sons						
348	310	Jelson						
348	310	Do 'A'						
348	310	Kelsey Ind						
348	310	Kier Gp						
348	310	Lafarge (ns)						
348	310	Lilley (LG)						
348	310	Lovell (YJ)						
348	310	Magnet (ns)						
348	310	Marley						
348	310	Marshalls (Halifax)						
348	310	Marshalls Gp						
348	310	Mattioli (Ezra)						
348	310	Mayflower Corp						
348	310	Mcalpine (Alfred)						
348	310	Mcalpine (J) & Son						
348	310	Mcalpine Hldgs						
348	310	Mcmillan (Stanley)						
348	310	Meiklewood (Alvan)						
348	310	Metalrax Gp						
348	310	Milbury						
348	310	Miller (Stanley)						
348	310	Mitchell Cotts						
348	310	Monk (A)						
348	310	Morgan Crucible						
348	310	Morgan Est						
348	310	Morrison (Wm)						
348	310	Mowlem (John)						
348	310	Nevill Long						
348	310	Newman Tonks						
348	310	Nthn Ireland Brick						
348	310	Nthn Rock Hldgs						
348	310	Norwest Hldgs						
348	310	Ocean Wilsons						
348	310	Ogden						
348	310	Pauling						
348	310	Pearson						
348	310	Pegler-Hattersley						
348	310	Perkins Group						
348	310	Phoenix Timber						
348	310	Pilkington						
348	310	Pochin						
348	310	Press (Harry)						
348	310	Prestige Group						
348	310	Ransomes Sims & Jefferies						
348	310	Redland						
348	310	Redman Heenan						
348	310	Ricardo Eng						
348	310	Richard (Lilleshall)						
348	310	Robert Jnr						
348	310	Robertson (Thomas)						
348	310	Rockware						
348	310	Rugby Group						
348	310	Russell (A)						
348	310	Sandhurst Mktg						
348	310	Scapa Gp						
348	310	Scot Heritable						
348	310	Scot & Robertson						
348	310	Scrimgeour						
348	310	Security Serv						
348	310	Simon Eng						
348	310	Sindall						
348	310	Smith & Nephew						
348	310	Smith Ind						
348	310	Spear (Lew)						
348	310	Spear & Jackson						
348	310	Spring Hldgs						
348	310	Spring Ram						
348	310	Staveley Ind						
348	310	Steetley						
348	310	Stone Platt						
348	310	Stonebridge Ind						
348	310	Sunley (John)						
348	310	Tarmac						
348	310	Taylor Woodrow						
348	310	Tilbury Gp						
348	310	Travis & Arnold						
348	310	Tunnel						
348	310	Turriff						
348	310	Vibroplant						
348	310	Wade Group						
348	310	Wadkin						
348	310	Walker (Thomas)						
348	310	Wallis & Linfield						
348	310	Wates City Prop						
348	310	Watson & Pole						
348	310	Watts Blake Bearne						
348	310	Wellington Hldgs						
348	310	Wellman Eng						
348	310	Wilcon Homes						
348	310	Wilkinson Rowe						
348	310	Wilkinson Sons						
348	310	Williams Hldgs						
348	310	Wimpey (George)						
348	310	Wood (A)						
348	310	Wood (SW)						
348	310	Worcester						
348	310	Wyndham Eng						
348	310	Yeoman Hldgs						
348	310	Young (H)						

BRITISH FUNDS

1988 High	Low	Stock	Price	Chge	Int. yld%	Gross yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)						
100⅝	100⅛	Treas C 9¾% 1988	100⅛		9.72	7.922
99⅝	99⅛	Treas 3% 1978-88	99⅝		3.0	8.173
100⅝	99⅝	Treas 9¾% 1988	100⅛		9.48	8.097
102⅝	99⅝	Treas 11¾% 1989	102⅝		11.2	8.186
102⅛	100⅝	Treas 10½% 1988	102⅛		10.2	8.260
102	100⅝	Exch 10% 1988	102		9.80	8.314
104⅜	99⅜	Exch 10¾% 1988	104⅜		9.65	7.301
103⅛	99⅛	Treas 11% 1989	103⅛		10.8	8.312
97⅝	93⅛	Treas 5% 1986-89	97⅝		5.14	7.005
101⅝	95⅝	Treas C 9½% 1989	101⅝		9.38	8.197
97⅝	94⅛	Treas 9% 1989	97⅝		9.0	8.754
102⅝	100⅛	Treas 10½% 1989	102⅛			
107½	102⅝	Treas 13% 1990	107⅝		12.0	8.230
104⅝	97⅝	Exch 11% 1990	104⅝		10.5	8.322
107⅜	99⅜	Exch 12¼% 1990	107⅜		11.5	8.351
99⅝	91⅝	Treas 8% 1990	99⅝		8.19	8.351
99⅝	98⅛	Treas 8¾% 1987-90	99⅝		8.2	8.455
109⅝	97⅜	Treas 10% 1990	109⅝		9.88	8.422
91⅝	88⅝	Exch 8¾% 1990	91⅝		2.72	8.009
108½	101⅛	Treas C 10% 1990	108½		9.84	8.445
107⅛	102⅝	Treas 11¾% 1991	107⅛		10.9	8.493
95⅛	90⅝	Fund 5¾% 1987-91	95⅛		6.0	7.472
107⅜	100⅜	Exch 11¾ 1991	107⅜		10.9	8.534
90⅝	87⅜	Treas 9% 1991	90⅝		9.3	8.518
103⅜	96⅜	Treas 10½% 1992	103⅜		10.1	8.536
113⅜	105⅜	Treas 12¾% 1992	113⅜		11.2	8.589
104⅝	96⅝	Treas 10½% 1992	104⅝		9.5	8.557
108⅝	102⅜	Treas C10½% 1992	108⅝		9.87	8.588
104⅛	97⅛	Treas 9¾% 1992	104⅛		9.4	8.553
98⅝	92⅝	Treas 9% 1992	98⅝		8.14	8.531
112⅜	103⅜	Exch 12¾% 1992	112⅜		10.8	8.702
117⅛	107⅜	Exch 13¾% 1992	117⅜		11.5	8.703
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS						
105⅝	98⅛	Treas 10% 1993	105⅝		9.4	8.655
115⅝	111⅛	Treas 12¾% 1993	115⅝		10.8	8.703
98	88⅝	Fund 8% 1993	98		8.67	7.870
122⅛	114⅜	Treas 13¾% 1993	122⅛		11.3	8.747
125¾	115⅝	Treas 14¼% 1994	125⅝		11.5	8.840
116⅝	105	Exch 12¾% 1994	116⅝		10.7	9.017
120⅝	112⅜	Exch 13¾% 1994	120⅝		11.1	8.984
101⅜	91⅛	Treas 8% 1994	101⅜		8.88	8.746
105⅝	100⅝	Treas 10% 1994	105⅝		9.4	8.626
114⅝	108	Treas 12% 1995	114⅝		10.4	8.827
82⅝	75	Gas 3% 1990-95	81⅝		5.72	8.474
100⅝	100⅝	Exch 10¾% 1995	100⅝		9.6	8.624
120⅝	112⅝	Treas 12¾% 1995	120		10.6	9.045
125⅝	119⅝	Treas 14% 1996	125		11.1	9.021
101⅛	93⅜	Treas 9% 1992-96	101		8.9	8.555
133⅝	124⅛	Treas 15¾% 1996	133⅝		11.8	9.222
133⅝	124⅛	Treas 15¾% 1996	133⅝		11.8	9.190
86	83⅝	Rdmpt 3% 1986	84⅝			
105⅝	99	Conv 10% 1986	105⅝		9.5	9.111
98⅜	96	Treas 8¾% 1987	98⅜			
124⅛	117⅛	Treas 13¼% 1987	124⅛		10.6	9.160
108⅝	97⅝	Exch 10¾% 1987	108⅝		9.7	9.132
99⅞	90⅝	Treas 8¾% 1987	99⅞		8.8	8.897
134⅛	125⅝	Exch 15% 1987	134⅛		11.1	9.287
97⅛	91⅛	Treas 9½% 1987-90	97⅛		9.8	9.197
103⅜	97⅜	Exch 9¾% 1988	103⅜		9.3	9.338
140⅝	129⅜	Treas 15¾% 1988	140⅝		11.0	9.389
118⅝	111⅜	Exch 12¾% 1988	118		10.1	9.272
103⅜	96⅞	Treas 9¼% 1988	103⅜		9.2	9.092
128⅝	120⅝	Treas 13¼% 1989	128⅝		10.1	9.279
109⅝	102⅝	Treas 10¼% 1989	109⅝		9.8	9.182
107⅝	100⅝	Conv 10¼% 1989	107⅝		9.5	9.191
99⅜	90⅝	Treas 8¾% 2000	99⅜		8.8	9.009
125⅝	117⅜	Treas 12% 2001	125⅝		10.2	9.253
99⅝	92⅝	Conv 9% 2000	99⅝		9.0	9.023
108⅝	97	Treas 10% 2001	108⅝		9.4	9.140
104⅝	96	Conv 9¾% 2001	104⅝		9.3	9.288
123⅝	122⅝	Treas 14% 2001	123⅝		10.7	9.289
98⅝	93⅛	Conv 9% 2002	98⅝		9.0	9.088
107⅝	100⅝	Conv 10% 2002	107⅝		9.3	9.123
118⅛	111⅜	Exch 12% 1998	118		10.2	9.202
105⅝	98⅝	Treas 9¾% 2002	105		9.3	9.102
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS						
109⅛	100	Treas 10% 2003	107⅝		9.3	9.086
131½	123⅝	Treas 13¾% 2000	131⅛		10.4	9.406
117⅝	107⅝	Treas 11¾% 2001	116⅝		10.1	9.248
108⅜	100⅝	Treas 10% 2004	107⅝		9.3	9.077
96⅝	84⅝	Conv 5½% 1999	96⅝		5.7	9.157
104⅝	97	Conv 9½% 2004	103⅝		9.1	9.085
104⅜	97⅛	Conv 9½% 2005	103⅜		9.1	9.077
119⅝	103⅝	Exch 10½% 2005	112⅝		9.3	9.151
127⅝	109⅝	Treas 12¾% 2000	127⅝		9.9	9.047
91⅝	84⅝	Conv 8½% 2006	91⅝		8.7	9.047
108⅝	99⅝	Conv 9½% 2006	108⅝		9.1	9.083
121½	113⅝	Treas 11¾% 2007	121½		9.7	9.117
95⅝	89⅝	Conv 8½% 2007	95⅝		8.9	9.117
137	129⅝	Treas 13¾% 2004	135⅝		10.1	9.117
101⅜	94	Treas 9% 2008	101⅜		8.9	8.895
92⅛	83⅜	Treas 8% 2008	91⅛		8.8	8.899
101⅝	92⅝	Treas 9% 2008	100⅝		8.9	8.884
86⅝	82⅝	Treas 5¼% 2006-12	86⅝		6.1	8.836
89⅝	82⅝	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	89		8.7	8.836
130⅜	121⅛	Exch 12% 2013-17	130		9.2	8.979
UNDATED						
44⅛	41⅛	Consols 4%	44⅛			
38⅜	37	War Ln 3½%	38⅜			
52⅝	48⅝	Conv 3½%	52⅝			
33⅜	30⅜	Treas 3%	33			
28⅜	26⅜	Consols 2½%	28⅜			
25⅜	23⅝	Treas 2½%	25⅜			
INDEX-LINKED						
120⅜	117⅞	Treas IL 2% 1990	120⅜		1.57	0.978
101⅝	98⅝	Treas IL 2% 1992	101⅝		2.4	1.715
130⅝	127⅝	Treas IL 2% 1996	130⅝		3.1	2.289
115⅜	105⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2001	115⅜		3.6	3.364
113⅛	107⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2003	110⅝		3.6	3.424
112⅜	102⅝	Treas IL 2% 2006	112⅜		3.6	3.564
105⅝	95⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2011	105⅝		3.7	3.656
90⅝	82⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2016	90⅝		3.7	3.678
95⅝	87⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2020	95⅝		3.6	3.543
80⅝	73	Treas IL 2½% 2024	80⅝		3.5	3.489

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
234	195	Allied Irish	215	220				
187	155	Anglo Lesiing	170	182		27	4.0	28.6
71	64	Antiscorbic (Henry)	65	69				
181	131	Aus New Z	167	171	+1			
6¾	3¾	Bakkavor	5¾					
204	165	Bank of Ireland	200	213	-4			
17	15	Bank Leumi Ind	16	17				
369	341	Bank Leumi Ltd	360	380		17.0	4.9	11.2
525	508	Bank Of Scotland	520	532	+2	28.4	4.8	9.4
70	58	Bank Of Wales	55	58		3.3	6.6	9.4
245	218	Barclays (ns)	238	240	+1	21.2	7.4	10.5
36	32	Brandeis (G)	35	37		2.7	7.9	12.3
25	20	Brown Shipley	20	21		1.4	7.0	15.0
68	48	Cen Manager	48	52	+1	1.4	2.7	11.0
348	345	Cater Allen	320	335		27.5	7.3	12.0
71	54	Chiltern	62	64		3.4	5.4	11.6
14½	11½	Chase Manhattan	13½					
39	35	Citicorp	37		+½			
200	165	Close Bros	190	170		8.2	3.8	20.4
370	355	Coml Union	360		+3			
148½	120	Continental Bank	140		+3			
27	24	Duncly & Co	25	29	+2	1.6	5.7	10.9
208	178	Eng & Int Finance	200	204	+12	12.0	4.6	12.9
28	25	FFC	26	28				10.5
44	37	Fennel Ind	38	40		2.3	6.9	11.2
7	5	Hambros	6	7				
44	37	Hill Samuel	40	42	+2	3.3	7.2	17.0
47	41	Ivory & Sime	44	47	+1	2.5	5.3	13.2
1½	1	Joseph (Leopold)	1¼					
1½	1	King & Shaxson	1¼					
1½	1	Lazard Brothers	1¼					
415	340	Lloyds (ns)	400	415	+2	27.5	7.0	11.0
1½	1	Lon Scot Bk	1¼					
1½	1	Mercantile Hse	1¼					
1½	1	Morgan Grenfell	1¼					
1½	1	Nat Mort Bk	1¼					
1½	1	Nat West (ns)	1¼					
1½	1	Rea Bros	1¼					
1½	1	Rothschild	1¼					
1½	1	Schroders	1¼					
1½	1	Singer & Friedl	1¼					
1½	1	Standard Chart (ns)	1¼					
1½	1	Trustee Savings Bk	1¼					
1½	1	Union Discount	1¼					
1½	1	Wagg (H)	1¼					
1½	1	Warburg (S G)	1¼					
1½	1	Wells Fargo	1¼					
1½	1	Westpac	1¼					
1½	1	Whitbread Inv	1¼					
1½	1	Williams & D	1¼					
1½	1	Young 'A'	1¼					

ELECTRICALS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
448	340	Ab Elect	437	452	+13	18.5	4.2	10.7
165	87	Admiral Comp	115	120		4.8	3.4	14.6
116	88	Alba	96	100	+3	4.8	5.0	
218	217	Applectronic	218	220		8.8	4.0	
117	103	Arcotel (ns)	107	114	+5	5.7	5.7	12.5
114	98	Arcotel Computers	107	114		5.8	5.4	12.3
176	140	Arlen	155	160	+1	6.9	4.4	12.6
445	360	Atlantic Comp	435	445	+5	18.1	4.1	18.1
127	117	Automated Sec	120	125		5.5	4.4	11.0
118	94	Autronic Corp	110	115		4.5	3.9	11.5
1½	1	Bell Electronic	1¼					
1½	1	Bell Group	1¼					
1½	1	Bell Microp	1¼					
1½	1	Bell Microsys	1¼					
1½	1	Bell Peripherals	1¼					
1½	1	Bell Systems	1¼					
1½	1	Bell Technology	1¼					
1½	1	Bell Thorn	1¼					
1½	1	Bell Tronics	1¼					
1½	1	Bell Ultrasonic	1¼					
1½	1	Bell Video	1¼					
1½	1	Bell Voice	1¼					
1½	1	Bell Wolfson	1¼					
1½	1	Bell Zetex	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Arthur)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Chas)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Colin)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dan)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr A)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr Alan)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr Andrew)	1¼					
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1½	1	Bell (Dr Brian)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr Chris)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr Colin)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr David)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr Derek)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr Eric)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr Frank)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr Geoff)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr George)	1¼					
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1½	1	Bell (Dr Harry)	1¼					
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1½	1	Bell (Dr Jack)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr James)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr John)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr Keith)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr Kenneth)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr Leslie)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr Mark)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr Martin)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr Michael)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr Nigel)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr Paul)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr Peter)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr Philip)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr Richard)	1¼					
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1½	1	Bell (Dr Roger)	1¼					
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1½	1	Bell (Dr Simon)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr Stephen)	1¼					
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1½	1	Bell (Dr Tim)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr Tom)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr Tony)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr Trevor)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr Vic)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr Wayne)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr William)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr Zoe)	1¼					
1½	1	Bell (Dr)	1¼					
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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80, Holdesmere Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
Tel: 0345 717373 (Lifeline)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed	114.4	122.6p	+0.2	8.16
Hi Inc Equity	114.2	121.4p	+0.5	4.90
Worldwide Bd	185.3	197.0	+0.4	4.92
American Gth	136.2	144.8	+0.3	1.67
Asian Pacific	56.3	60.2	+0.2	1.26
Assets & Earns	133.7	142.2	+0.3	1.77
Capital Res	78.3	78.5p	+0.1	3.82
Comm Energy	94.7	90.5	+0.7	1.08
Euro Capital	65.1	69.6p	..	1.08
General	160.7	170.9	-0.5	2.63
Japan	36.3	38.7	-0.5	..
Un. Gth Inc	124.4	132.3p	..	2.00
Do Acc	182.9	194.5p	+0.1	1.36
US Emerg Co	37.4	40.0	+0.2	0.00
Income Gth	244.1	259.6	-1.1	3.65
Master Acc	67.9	72.2	+0.2	2.49
American Inc	38.7	41.0	+0.1	6.63
Emerg'l Tst	39.5	42.2	-0.1	2.96

ARTHUR MANAGEMENT LTD
16, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ
Tel: 0224 633078

28, Chiswell St, London EC1Y 4TY Tel: 01-374 6881				
UK Growth	30.3	32.2p	+0.3	3.26
N Amer Inc	23.2	24.7p	-0.2	4.84
World Gth	37.9	40.2	-0.3	1.14
Extra Inc	37.3	39.5p	+0.3	4.91
Formerly Baltic Trust Managers				
Amerncan	34.4	36.5	..	2.38
American Inc	33.2	35.4p	-0.5	6.84
Australian	18.6	20.1	..	1.74
Euro Tst	39.5	42.2	-0.2	0.00
Gt/Fxd Interest	23.7	25.3p	..	9.97
Global Income	33.1	35.3p	+1.0	5.48
Hi Income	54.2	58.0	+0.1	0.45
Income Growth	63.0	67.1	-0.2	4.44
International	80.8	86.0	-0.2	0.61
Japan Gen	158.6	168.6	-1.3	0.01
Special Sits	61.2	65.2p	-0.6	1.34

AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD
4/21, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE Tel: 01-837 4334

Euro Gth Acc	97.2	103.5p	-0.5	1.17
Exempt	382.4	403.2	-0.4	4.66
Far Eastern	196.0	210.1p	..	0.00
Fin & Prop	78.0	82.6	-0.1	2.61
Hi Yield	70.5	74.5p	-0.3	5.10
Income & Gth	286.7	313.2p	-0.4	4.56
Int Earnings	174.1	184.4p	+0.5	3.03
Int Growth	81.7	87.0	+0.1	2.06
Japan Gth Acc	147.8	158.1	-0.8	0.00
N Amer Gth Inc	100.3	107.8	+0.1	2.96
Preference Inc	124.9	132.3p	..	9.20
Smi Co Div Inc	89.5	93.7	+0.1	4.64
Smi Co Gth	269.3	285.6	-0.7	1.58
Spec Sits Inc	123.4	130.7	-0.4	1.58
UK Growth	367.6	389.4p	-0.7	3.35

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
Tel: 0793 28251 dealing:28141 618356

High Income	287.3	304.5p	-0.9	4.95
Equity Inc	167.2	177.2	-0.1	4.41
High Yield	167.3	177.3p	-0.6	5.19
Balanced	408.8	433.3	-0.6	3.36
Amer Inc	25.8	27.5	..	4.98
World Ass Val	31.8	35.4	+0.1	2.01
Japan	137.2	146.1	-0.6	0.01
Sec of Amer	174.8	186.2	-0.5	1.04
Asset Value	303.5	321.7	-1.6	3.05
O'seas Earn	198.3	211.3	..	1.78
Opportunity	94.1	99.7p	-0.3	3.13
UK Spec Sits	248.4	263.3	-0.6	2.76
Smlr Co	160.6	170.2	-0.6	2.19
Capital	241.3	256.0p	-0.3	1.77
Amer Spec Sit	56.3	60.0p	..	1.82
International	86.0	91.6	..	1.29
Growth & Inc	146.4	155.2p	-0.3	3.74
Euro Gth	17.4	18.5	..	0.29
Pacific	209.0	222.6	..	0.29
2nd Smlr Co	187.6	198.9p	-0.4	1.85

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544

Capital	77.3	82.5	-0.2	3.20
Euro Gth Inc	57.3	61.2	+0.2	1.79
Extra Income	90.2	96.3p	-0.1	5.27
General	161.6	172.4p	-0.1	3.35
Gilt & Fixed Inc	58.7	61.7	-0.1	9.15
Income Tst	389.7	414.7	-1.1	4.07
Int Income	48.9	50.1	..	4.46
Smlr Co Inc	36.6	39.1	..	1.25

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4DQ
Tel: 01-658 6000

American EVS	49.1	52.0p	+0.2	0.70
Australia	51.7	56.8	+0.1	0.00
Eastern	69.4	64.4	+0.2	0.30
Equity Inc	67.2	71.5p	-0.2	5.10
Europe	111.0	117.7	-0.3	0.00
Exempt Tst	55.9	58.3	-0.5	3.48
Growth & Inc	73.2	77.6	-0.3	2.20
Do Acc	113.9	120.8	-0.4	2.20
Global Gth	56.4	59.8	-0.4	0.00
Japan Spec	140.5	149.8	-0.4	0.00
Japan Sun	150.9	160.9p	-0.7	0.00
First Europe	96.9	102.8	-0.1	0.50
First Smlr Co	104.1	111.0p	-0.8	0.50
First N Amer	38.0	40.3	..	1.10
First Smlr Co	88.4	93.7p	+0.4	1.40
N Amer Spec	36.0	38.1p	-0.2	0.00
Uk Growth	57.5	61.3p	-0.1	5.31

BROWN SHIPLEY
9-17, Ferrymount Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144

Financial	150.9	160.0	+2.9	1.70
Smlr Co Acc	281.0	304.9p	+3.7	0.82
Do Inc	177.3	192.2p	+1.9	0.82
High Income	75.2	79.9p	+0.8	5.16
Income	91.8	97.3p	+0.8	5.16
Man Portf Inc	84.8	89.7	+0.7	2.23
Do Acc	144.4	153.1	+1.9	2.23
Nth American	42.4	45.2	-0.5	0.21
Orient	92.3	97.9	-2.0	0.10
Exempt	257.0	271.9	+0.1	2.30
Recovery	81.5	86.2	+0.5	0.35
German	21.2	22.8	-0.1	0.00
Hi Yield	22.5	23.9p	-0.6	1.00
Europe	16.3	17.4p	..	3.91
Conv General	24.4	25.9p	..	7.00

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
Tel: 01-588 2868 01 623 2348

Emerg Inc	68.2	61.9	+0.3	2.00
Fellowship Inc	50.4	54.3p	..	1.50
General Inc 4	254.3	269.8	+1.1	3.00
Do Acc 4	414.7	440.0	+0.1	3.00
Income Fd 3	129.6	137.5p	+0.6	4.50
Do Acc 3	244.0	258.9p	+0.5	4.50
Int Inc 2	102.9	109.2	-0.6	2.00
Do Acc 2	139.1	147.6	-0.8	2.00
Smlr Inc 5	84.5	89.7	+0.4	1.85
Do Acc	91.8	97.2	+0.5	1.85

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB
Tel: 01-902 8876

Growth	32.2	34.3s	..	2.94
Income	41.5	44.1s	..	4.41
Far East	27.1	28.9s	-0.4	0.23
Nth American	25.1	26.7s	..	0.76
Global	42.2	44.9s	..	0.97
European	36.9	39.3s	+0.3	1.36
Japan	84.6	90.0	-0.9	0.01

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 552 Winchester Hse, 77 London Wall, London EC2M 1DS Tel: 01-588 0808

Capital	382.9	408.7s	+3.3	3.04
European S S	47.1	50.2	-0.4	2.90
Far East S S	46.8	49.9	-0.3	2.51
Gold Gth S S	47.3	50.3	+1.1	2.50
Income	356.2	357.8p	+2.3	5.26
Int Sp Sits	45.7	48.7	-0.9	2.58
Nth Amer	215.8	230.4p	-1.3	2.07

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815

Investment	432.9	..	..	4.87
Fixed Int	147.6	..	..	9.89
Deposit	100.0	..	..	8.71

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2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815

Income	407.55	●	..	5.27
Acc	£12.6917	..	..	..
Deposit	100.0	..	..	8.20

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Man Retnmt	22.6	23.9p	..	..
SC Special Sits	62.3	66.9	..	0.42

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Amer Gth	17.4	18.5p	..	0.19
Atlas Gth	20.9	22.2	..	0.97
Dragon Gth	13.8	29.8	-0.2	1.85
Equity Hi Inc	56.2	59.6	+1.4	4.74
Do Acc	56.3	59.6	+1.4	4.74
European Gth	23.1	24.5	..	1.68
Gen Equity	47.4	50.4	..	2.95
G/F Invrst Gth	33.6	36.4	..	7.15
Gth & Fixed Inc	23.4	25.0p	..	8.62
Int Income Tst	22.1	23.4	..	5.77
Japan Gth	45.5	48.2	-0.2	0.00
Pedigree Gth	29.4	30.1	..	2.36
Special Sits	34.3	36.3	+0.1	1.96

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
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UK & Gen Inc	52.3	55.5	..	3.26
Do Acc	53.7	57.2	..	3.26
Income Inc	54.4	57.9p	..	5.00
Do Acc	54.5	57.0p	+0.1	4.07
Worldwide Inc	41.2	44.1	+0.1	0.93
Do Acc	41.5	44.4	..	0.93
Gamma Inc	33.3	35.4	..	1.30
Do Acc	33.4	35.5	..	1.30
Euro Gth	47.5	50.5p	..	1.15
Euro Gth	49.6	52.8	+0.3	1.25
Far East	60.3	64.1p	..	0.00
Gilt & Fxd Int	48.5	51.6	..	8.97
World Bond	47.3	50.0	-0.1	5.91

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European Tst	85.6	91.3	+0.3	..
Growth Tst	255.5	272.5	-0.9	3.14
High Income	302.1	322.2p	-1.8	5.06
Int Tech Tst	99.1	105.7	..	..
Investment	23.5	27.2	-0.1	..
Japanese Tst	223.6	240.6	-0.3	..
Man Inc	25.6	27.3	..	..

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Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL Tel: 07737-242424

European Gth	47.1	50.7	+0.1	3.00
Euro Opp Sits	34.2	36.8	+0.1	1.30
International	45.1	48.6	+0.1	6.50
N Amer Gth	38.8	41.8	..	1.00
Pacific Gth	52.6	56.5	+0.2	0.50
UK Gth Acc	52.7	57.5p	+0.1	0.50
Do Dist	50.5	55.2p	..	0.50
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Capital Fd	125.3	133.1	..	1.28
Convertible	24.2	25.9	..	7.63
Eurofund	21.2	22.5	..	1.33
Growth & Inc	173.3	184.1	..	3.80
High Dist Fd	146.9	156.4	..	4.50
International	193.7	205.8	..	1.09
Pacific Fd	19.8	21.0	..	0.00
Recovery Fd	20.5	21.8	..	0.00
Smlr Jap Co	41.7	44.3	..	..
Tokyo Fd	191.1	203.0	..	0.00
Ex Amer 2	114.3	117.2p	..	1.85
Ex Japan 3	119.4	122.7	..	0.19
Ex Pacific 4	336.2	344.5	..	0.27
Ex Smlr Jap 4	251.0	257.3	..	0.10

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UK Balan Inc	83.6	88.7	-0.3	2.74
Do Acc	87.1	92.4	-0.3	2.63
UK Gth Acc	119.6	126.9	-0.2	2.16
UK High Inc	94.1	99.8	-0.4	4.39
N Amer Acc	58.1	61.6	..	0.63
Far East Acc	113.9	121.5	-0.7	0.63
European Acc	65.5	69.5	+0.2	1.48
UK Gt/Fi Inc	58.5	62.1	..	8.37
Do Acc	66.2	70.2	-0.1	8.37
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Do Acc	113.3	119.5	-0.7	..
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Do Acc	169.0	178.2	+0.9	1.28
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Do Acc	51.2	54.3	..	0.92
Fxd Interest Di	120.0	127.4	..	8.83
Do Acc	151.7	161.1	..	8.83
Int Gth Acc	51.0	54.1	..	1.39
Do Inc	51.0	54.1	..	1.39
Nth Amer Dist	103.5	109.8	..	2.35
Do Acc	105.3	111.7	..	2.35
Pac Basin Dist	109.2	115.8	..	0.15
Do Acc	176.8	187.5	..	0.15
Steward Dist	232.1	246.0	..	0.80
Do Acc	243.3	257.8	..	0.80
Steward Inc Di	56.4	59.7	..	3.35
Do Acc	55.7	59.1	..	3.35
N Am Stwd Di	48.9	51.8	..	1.93
Do Acc	48.9	51.8	..	1.93

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Do Dist	58.6	63.1	-0.5	2.00
Cheit UK Gth	24.2	25.8	..	1.82
Commd Share	55.8	59.5	+0.2	1.50
European	41.9	45.0	..	1.99
Extra Income	60.7	65.1	..	6.30
Far East Tst	124.4	133.5	..	0.40
Fxd Interest	28.9	31.0e	..	7.93
Frontier Mkts	22.7	24.3e	..	0.75
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Income Fd	97.5	104.6	+0.5	4.26
Int F/Interest	23.6	25.2e	..	10.51
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American Inc	54.8	58.6p	-0.1	5.17
European Gth	44.4	47.4e	..	1.90
Gold & Mnrls	49.2	49.4	-0.8	0.70
Japan Gth	83.8	88.0e	-0.2	..
Pacific Inc	75.2	80.4	+0.3	3.44
Pacific Strat	39.2	41.9	+0.1	0.41
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Pacific Gth	80.5	85.7	-0.2	0.00
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Japan/F Eastn	115.7	122.8e	+0.3	0.05
Mth Amer Tst	59.1	63.2	..	1.33
Recov & Asset	60.0	64.0	-0.1	2.82
Scandinavian	39.7	71.8	..	0.41
Smlr Co	32.8	35.2e	+0.1	1.16
UK New Gen	36.2	38.4	..	1.17

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MEDIA & MARKETING

Pressing tasks for the council

OPINION
Richard Evans

In Sunday's concluding episode of *Hot Metal*, the television parody of the gutter Press, the sleuths on the *Daily Crucible* finally triumphed and produced a front page scoop of which any editor would be proud.

Assiduously investigated, based on fact and of immense public interest, the exclusive arrived just in time to replace a "story" about a peer allegedly involved in the manufacture of sex aids.

More importantly, the *Crucible* exclusive persuaded a Royal Commission on the Press, chaired by the same peer, that tabloid newspapers did not regularly indulge in making up stories and needlessly invading individuals' privacy – and therefore should not be subject to statutory regulation and control.

In real life, however, an unending stream of award-winning exclusives is unlikely to stem the pressure for Press controls, such as statutory rights of reply and privacy, already suggested by two MPs – one of them Conservative, one Labour.

The main, perhaps only, hope of preventing MPs, ministers and civil servants from interfering with newspapers – and how they would love to – rests with the new Press Council chairman, to be selected next Tuesday.

Amid remarkable secrecy, a council committee charged with recommending a much-needed successor to Sir Zelman Cowen has shortlisted two candidates: Lord McGregor of Durris, who chaired the Royal Commission on the Press between 1975 and 1977, and Lord Barber of Wentbridge, Chancellor of the Exchequer during the Heath government.

Their final recommendation is unknown, but both candidates are capable of grabbing the Press Council by the scruff of the neck and restoring its shattered reputation.

The selection of the chairman is the easy part; his task is more complicated, and time is not on his side.

Whether one heeds the warning for the newspaper industry to "put its house in order" delivered recently by Tim Renton, the Home Office's eloquent minister responsible for broadcasting, or studies the gospel according to John Birt, there is no doubt that the public and Westminster are fed up, not just with flagrant lapses in journalistic standards, but with the reluctance or refusal of some newspapers to admit willingly their errors. The public does not think it is getting a fair deal when it seems that critical adjudications get hidden away on some inside page, or ridiculed by a strident opinion piece in the same issue.

The new chairman can be expected to establish from his early meetings with newspaper proprietors and editors how the Press has allowed the tide of public criticism to swell to such heights. Then his first task should be to try to cajole editors such as David Montgomery, of *Today*, back into the fold, and seek a guarantee from all editors that they will adhere to the council's guidelines and adjudications.

Given the views of leading Press Council officials and the candidates for the chairmanship, it is likely that a demand will also be made for "equal prominence" to be given to council adjudications, similar to the way that television companies will be forced to screen critical findings made by the Broadcasting Standards Council at the same time as the original, offending programme. This suggestion is likely to be the most controversial.

But without some such concession being made, statutory bodies of all descriptions will, in the words of one informed Press watcher, "be quickly wrapped round newspapers' necks".

Richard Evans is Media Editor of The Times.



The pride of Neville Brody: a 1978 college magazine, *Sputnik*; a 1982 double-page from *The Face*; and a cover (November 1986) from his short career at *Tatler*

In May 1980, the publisher Nick Logan named his new music and fashion magazine *The Face*, after Mod-speak for a "cool" sort of person.

It was a prescient choice, since the magazine's considerable fashion-leader reputation came to be embodied in *The Face* typeface and the outstanding graphic design skills of its art director from 1982 to 1987, the decidedly cool Neville Brody. An exhibition of Brody's work, to coincide with a book about him, opens at the Victoria and Albert museum next Wednesday.

With a fine art background and a passion for typography nurtured at the London College of Printing, Brody, now 31, began in the late Seventies designing record sleeves for "alternative" labels.

He used the pages of *The Face* for stunning typographical experimentation, drawing his own typefaces, and making page spreads like pop posters or record sleeves. But when he left the magazine, his need to be completely in control of his work was reflected in several brief and unhappy liaisons with large publishers who sought to acquire his youth-market credibility. These included an aborted IPC magazine, *Vive*, the American *Mademoiselle*, and *Tatler*, where he lasted one issue.

Appalled by the rampant plagiarism of his *Face* designs, Brody, now running a small design studio, has retreated into choosy corporate work, mainly overseas, and into the more minimal classicism of his art direction of Logan's new men's magazine, *Arena*.

David Driver, art director of *The Times*, says: "Brody's work is to do with short-lived concepts. They're marvellous at the time and will be remembered as such. But interest in them is transient, like pop groups or youth magazines. It's remarkable for someone to have established a signature like Brody has. But there's a danger in his being feted with a book and an exhibition that impressionable students will pastiche it without understanding it."

David Housham

An exhibition of Brody's work can be seen at the V&A from April 27 until May 29. The Graphic Language of Neville Brody, by Brody and Jon Wozencroft, is published by Thames & Hudson (£14.95).

Sales to the power of 10?

Carys Bowen-Jones on the mixed views of agencies preparing for the lifting of Euro-trade barriers

It has been hard since Sunday to avoid the talking heads of Sir John Harvey-Jones, Sir John Egan, Alan Sugar and Bruce Oldfield, all hoping to whip up the business community's enthusiasm for the single European market – the lifting of internal trade barriers in the EEC planned for 1992.

The Department of Trade and Industry is relying heavily on this multi-media campaign, devised by the advertising agency DMB&B, to raise awareness. Only 25 per cent of businessmen are said to know of the planned lifting of restrictions in 1992; by the end of the year the DTI hopes to raise that to 90 per cent.

In France, awareness is already around that level, thanks in part to a government advertising campaign which shows businessmen sporting boxing gloves and ready to take on their European competitors. DMB&B has adopted a very different approach, designed to explain the opportunities and inspire us with the confidence to export our entrepreneurial skills.

The difference between the two approaches is significant because it raises the question of how far the so-called single market will be effective from a marketing point of view. Marketing has been picked by the European Commission as one of several areas to be scrutinized before 1992 to see what must be done to turn Europe into a free trading environment.

Today, representatives from the communications industries across Europe will present the Commission with a review of the restrictive practices and regulations, such as France's ban on broadcast advertising for tourism and overseas airlines, which currently make cross-frontier marketing difficult. However, the more fundamental issue as far as marketing is concerned is whether Europe's 323 million consumers can really be considered as a homogeneous audience.

There is little doubt that a new European mood is brewing in marketing circles. Since the start of the year, the trade press has been littered with news of companies reorganizing and streamlining their communications programmes. "Europeanization is not a buzz word, it's a fact," says Roy Warman, international managing director of Saatchi & Saatchi. With its worldwide communications network, Saatchi is a firm believer in the theory that the world, including Europe, is shrinking, that cultural barriers are being eroded, and people are growing more alike in their lifestyles and attitudes to products.

The theory is that the housewife in Grimsby has everything to do with the housewife in Gönningen, but nothing whatever to do with the upwardly mobile barrister in Greenwich. So while a product may appeal to a minority in one country, its appeal across a handful of countries turns it into a mass market brand. Saatchi calls this trend "cultural or consumer convergence".

Evidence of the Saatchi theory in practice comes in the shape of two of the company's latest advertising campaigns, one for a Gillette deodorant, Natrel Plus, and one for a Johnson & Johnson sanitary protection brand, Silhouette. Both have been billed as European brands, promoted with advertising campaigns devised in London and designed to run in several European markets. It is a new approach which, according to Warman, would not have been considered even as recently as three years ago, but has been adopted in response to "cultural and media convergence" and spurred on by the prospect of trading more freely and more cheaply across Europe from 1992.

But Ray Morgan, chairman of the media buying agency Ray Morgan and Partners, questions both the notion of "cultural convergence" among Europeans and the ability of satellite television to deliver programming of sufficient quality and variety to attract advertisers in great numbers. While Saatchi urges the search for common traits first and differences second, Morgan is quick to point to fundamental differences in the way some products are viewed in different EEC countries: the Renault 11 may be a nippy runabout in the UK and France, but it is a luxury item in Spain.

Robin Wight, chairman of the WCRS communications group, falls somewhere between the two views: "There is a generation of young people who see themselves as part of Europe, and consistency of communication is more possible with the sorts of products aimed at them." He expects an increase in cross-boundary advertising, but believes that 1992's most significant impact will be the shift of corporate structures and attitudes towards viewing Europe as a single market: "thinking European if not necessarily acting European, in a single market with many differences".

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MEDIA & MARKETING

The Fox back in the Bush

Paul Fox is returning to the BBC, where they say he might have to confront John Birt. Bryan Appleyard talked to him

Great name, Paul Fox. Two syllables, instantly remembered and always said in full, the first suggestive of wisdom and spiritual mission, the second of cunning and silent ubiquity. A man could go far with a name like Paul Fox.

And, of course, he did. Fox, now 62, rose from *The Kentish Times*, *The People* and from scriptwriting for Pathé News, through the ranks of the BBC to become Controller of BBC1. Then, in 1973, he startled and outraged the hierarchy by taking an ITV job at Yorkshire Television.

"You're going?" asked Huw Wheldon, then managing director of BBC Television. "Yes," said Fox.

"Well, get out now and don't come back."

He was, it is generally agreed, a serious loss to the corporation. In his 15 years at Yorkshire he hung on to the franchise, made it one of the most powerful voices in the ITV system and floated it on the stock market. He was the quintessential ITV baron – smart and supremely political – and, of course, he was the BBC's Director-General in exile, Lucifer expelled from Paradise. Twice since that initial apostasy he has had talks about returning to take that job.

> **"I share quite a few of John's ideals"**

"Let's get this on the record once and for all", he says. "I have had serious talks on two occasions. Once with Michael Swann (then BBC chairman) when Ian Trethowan got it. That was in the Athenaeum, funnily enough. And this last time I had talks with Hussey . . . but at no stage did I apply, nor was I invited to be a candidate, nor did I want to be a candidate."

In the event, on April 25 he returns to the BBC as Chairman of BBC Enterprises and Managing Director of Television, the job Michael Grade abandoned when he went over the wire to Channel 4. This puts Fox at number three in the hierarchy, behind the DG, Michael Checkland, and his deputy, John Birt, an apparently humble role for the Baron of Leeds.

"When Michael Grade was going to get the job, I sneered at it and said it was just ceremonial, you're just a greeter, that kind of thing. But obviously it's much more than that. You're the guy in charge of BBC Television. That's a bigger job than being managing director of Yorkshire Television. I'm quite happy to be what is in effect number three – I've given up ideas of status."

Fox was speaking in Yorkshire's London offices. His work there was largely done, but he was still wandering in for something to do before taking two weeks' holiday in Antigua and starting at Shepherd's Bush. He had just come back from Los Angeles, having flown there to say goodbye to the Yorkshire office.

He was looking and sounding mellow, but he did take the opportunity to fly the company flag one last time. At the Bafta awards recently Michael Grade had attacked the station for not broadcasting the ceremony, a move arising from a row about the judging. "Well, once a year Michael says something silly. Last year it was at Edinburgh when he said Channel 4 ought to be allowed to sell its own advertising; he's regretted that ever since. Now he'll have to keep quiet for another year." It was the vintage stuff of ITV politics, the sort of thing Fox does in his sleep. But, otherwise, he was exuding an amiable, cuddly, valedictory air, spending his last days lunching and dining his old staff.

Meanwhile, back at the Bush, his arrival was being awaited with some of the eagerness normally accorded to the US Cavalry. The theory there is that Checkland, in recruiting Fox, has executed his most nimble piece of footwork so far.

Checkland, by and large, was on to a winner. Finances were good and the BBC was no longer Mrs Thatcher's primary target; she had moved on to hurl abuse at ITV. The one problem was that his deputy, John Birt, was rocking the boat. Known as the linen-suited Stalinist, he had reorganized the whole news and current affairs operation, producing howls of criticism, alienated Grade sufficiently to send him to Channel 4, and spent a lot of money.

The governors were getting jumpy about the adverse press coverage and the relentless reporting of every passing depression as a collapse of morale at the BBC. Fox was the perfect solution. Known as a big man and one who regarded broadcasters with liberal sympathy, he was assumed to be a direct attempt to neutralize Birt. Birt may be one rung up the ladder, but pulling rank on Fox makes about as much sense as announcing your candidacy for the Tory leadership. So, therefore, the Birt problem is solved in one.

That, however, is not the official version. "I don't think John's position is any different from an American TV network president of a news division – they have a lot of bite," Fox says. "News is the most important asset and it needs safeguarding, cherishing and protecting. I've grown up in news and current affairs and I share quite a few of John's ideals. I don't see this as a massive clash."

At another point, however, Fox did say: "Programme controllers must call all the shots on programmes. I will ensure that that remains so. It's what happened when I was there."

The real point about Birt is that he has created a situation in which he can effectively overrule the programme controllers on scheduling and impose his news and current affairs shows in specific time slots. Those whom Birt has upset will be hoping that Fox will champion them against that kind of interference. For the moment, however, the cards remain close to the chest. All he will criticize about the BBC is the excessive length of the credits at the end of its programmes.

What he definitely does like about the BBC is the opportunity it offers for "fun" – i.e., working at the sharp end. ITV, in contrast, offered a hard political slog to persuade the Government not to sell the franchises to the highest bidder and to compete with threats from a possible Channel 5 and satellite stations.

"At ITV I saw that inevitably the situation for the next three years was to be talk. Yorkshire needed somebody younger to lead them. When this vacancy came up it sounded enormously attractive to go back for three years – I knew it would be a limited spell – and get close to programmes, involved with some action and away from interminable debates. I didn't really envisage sitting around a table at the IBA Council with 14 colleagues for the next three years as a vastly entertaining proposition."

The real symbolism of Fox's departure lies in the fact that it signals the end of the old ITV dispensation. The barons who grew out of the birth of the network in the Fifties had largely departed and the time had finally come for Fox himself to move on.

"I looked round that IBA table and there was only one person who had been there longer than I had been – and he was due to retire next year. A new generation of people has come to the top in ITV – a generation that's not been involved in making programmes. There were only four of us left who started in programmes. The others were managers, accountants or salesmen – none the worse for that, but the atmosphere had changed."

Sleek, deep-voiced and looking 10 years younger than his age, Fox is, nevertheless, deeply conscious that the days of his greatness are passing. So, like some retired bank manager swapping the Rover for a Morgan, he has chosen fun at Shepherd's Bush rather than more broadcasting politics at Leeds.

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GRAHAM WOOD



Changing channels: the Baron of Yorkshire is heading for Shepherd's Bush

BYLINES

IRN makes waves

Independent Radio News, tired of being the poor cousin among national news organizations, has taken the Prime Minister's press chief to task over its treatment in Whitehall.

IRN's editor, John Perkins, and Peter Thornton, editorial director of its sister station, LBC, recently visited Downing Street to meet Bernard Ingham and half of the Government's chief press officers. (A second visit is planned to meet the rest.)

They protested that Cabinet ministers sometimes turned down requests for interviews with LBC in favour of Radio 4's *Today* programme, not realizing that interviews with LBC are repackaged by IRN and sent round the independent radio network, which attracts a much larger audience than Radio 4.

Thornton would only say of the meeting that he and Perkins had received a sympathetic hearing.

Gearing up

Although millions of people drive cars, few of us buy motoring magazines. The weekly *Autocar* manages a circulation of only 62,000 and its rival, *Motor*, even less. Nevertheless, United Magazines, the publishers of *Punch*, are spending £3 million on the launch of *Auto-Express* later this year. The magazine will be modelled on the German *Auto Bild*, whose publisher, Springer, is United's partner. *Auto-Express* is hoping for a circulation of 250,000. Meanwhile, Michael Parkinson – after escaping from his desert island – has drifted ashore at Rover Group as editor of a new free quarterly general-interest magazine, *Catalyst*, published on the car maker's behalf by Centurion Publishing. Austin-Rover mystifyingly claims that *Catalyst* will be "the world's first magazine with content, articles and features that are directed, in advance, by the reader".

Rich relations

Public relations must be the UK's fastest-growing business sector. The combined operating revenue of PR companies rose 45 per cent last year to more than £170 million, according to a league table of the top 140 firms published today by *PR Week*. Top of the table is Shandwick (worldwide operating revenue £37.9 million), with Valin Pollen in second place.

Head out

Michael Tracey, the head of the Broadcasting Research Unit, has succumbed to a tempting offer from the University of Colorado to set up a new Communications Research Centre. He says BRU-style research into the role of the media in society is "grossly underfunded" in Britain – and not specifically because the BRU has a problem of its own after the decision of a "core funder", the US Markell Foundation, to pull out.

Think small

IVS Enterprises has turned on its head conventional thinking in the cable television industry that the only beautiful franchises are the big ones, with its plans to cable the whole of Andover, Hampshire, for a paltry £2.8 million. If this "mini-franchise" of 11,500 homes is a success, there are plans to bid for more in other areas.

Briefing

The satirical fortnightly *The Digger*, which missed an issue after Easter while switching to new printers (Robert Maxwell's BPCC), hopes to put together a financial rescue plan this week . . . **Channel 4's share of viewing hit a record 10.9 per cent in March** . . . Yet more Australians are eyeing British radio: programme syndicator MCM has opened a London office and is offering radio stations a concert series sponsored by Coca-Cola . . . **Britain's first free daily newspaper, Birmingham's *Daily News*, was never daily (it appears four times a week) and now it isn't always free: householders in certain areas are being asked to pay a 50p per week "delivery charge"** . . . The power of radio: a Dallas disc-jockey asked listeners to send him $20 cheques, promising nothing in return. He called a halt after collecting $240,000.

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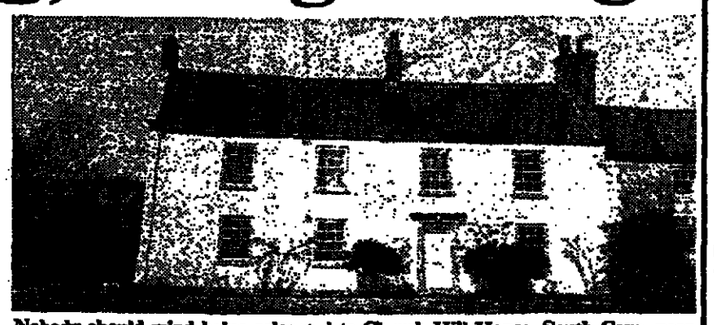
By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

Relocation is an impersonal word to describe the move of individuals, families or companies from one place to another, and suggests that they are herded together and driven like cattle across the prairie in the search of lusher pastures.

When a company is involved, that may not be so far from the truth, and it is one of the main reasons why relocation companies came into existence. Their aim is to ease the migration and try to take the impersonal nature out of the move. Relocation is also an umbrella word, covering the whole field of people moving house, including home search, and then helping people when they find their home.

The big companies — IRC Worldwide, PHH Homequity and Merrill Lynch among them — move staff, while the smaller companies down to those that employ only one or two people find homes for individuals and families. But the business is still in its infancy, and PHH Homequity, which is one of the market leaders, points out that only one in 10 of the 250,000 employees relocated in Britain every year is assisted by a relocation specialist. In the United States the figure is seven out of 10.

However, the market is steadily growing. The big international companies move executives into and out of the UK as well as within, and provide a service that includes bridging finance and the sale of the house for a guaranteed price. A second group in the market



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Independents have fastest expansion

comprises the financial services companies. These include building societies such as Nationwide Anglia and banks such as Lloyds Black Horse Relocation, for which it is a logical extension of property finance activities.

The greatest growth, however, is among a third group, the independent relocation agents, ranging from home-based businesses to small specialist companies. Emily Anson, of Emily Anson Relocation, in Kensington, west London, a former estate agent like many others, says that when she opened her doors for business in 1986 there were no more than 50 operators of all types. She estimates there are now around 250.

"The small companies are becoming more efficient as competition grows," she says. "We have to give a close personal service, sometimes simply home search, but often embracing interior decoration, finance, and what we call 'area orientation', particularly for overseas clients relocating here."

Her business specializes in central London, but relocation specialists now operate throughout the country. Relocation Nationwide (0235 850079) is run by Keith Ladbrooke from Aston Tirrold, Oxfordshire, and he added the "Nationwide" to the title as his business grew beyond the M4 corridor and Cotswolds.

There is now a lot of business involving people moving from south to north, and although their money goes further if they move in that direction it is sometimes difficult for them to spend all the proceeds from their previous house on the new property, creating a potential problem if they wish to return south. That is where the relocation people can give advice.

Two years ago it was rare for a client to seek a property for less than £200,000. The cost of using a relocation firm — usually a registration fee and a percentage (around 1 per cent) of the purchase price — inhibited people with less money at their disposal. Now that relocation is better known and understood it has gained a broader base, and firms are being used to look for properties from about £100,000.

Property Vision (01-723 6578) began business in London under William Gethin five years ago, concentrating on properties in Berkshire and adjoining counties. Its area is still similar, around the M3, M4 and M40 from Oxford southwards, but one change is that it is pushing further from London, as far as Dorset, as the search for suitable country houses spreads.

Within his patch Mr Gethin believes he knows most of the houses and he maintains close contact with estate agents, who, after early doubts about this new "competitor", now pass business on to him. Most of his business is for good family houses in the £400,000 to £600,000 range, which are often former rectories or vicarages, not the really big properties or estates — these remain with the national estate agents.

Homesearch (01-846 9164), operating in London from Ealing to Docklands and Mayfair to Richmond, is a good example of the small firm that has emerged in the relocation business. Pat Lang explains: "We take the gamble out of moving by acting solely on buyers' behalf, to help them find the right property, at the right price, in the right area."

The Homesearch specialists do the tramping around London, so that the client can avoid wasting time visiting unsuitable properties and be presented with a shortlist of homes fitting his brief.

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Homesearch says: "We remove the most demanding burdens of relocation from individuals, their employers'

Professional status for the relocation agents

personnel departments, their spouses or their unfortunate secretaries."

It also undertakes the search for flats for first-time buyers, which is likely to keep it busy until the multiple mortgage relief deadline in August.

Many of the established relocation firms are members of the Association of Relocation Agents (0235 851141), which was set up last year to establish a professional status and now has 97 members who abide by rules of conduct. It was initially run by some of its founding members but it is soon to have an independent secretariat.

Next month sees the start of a second body to represent the interests of relocation firms, indicating their continuing development in a market now estimated to be worth £300 million a year. The Relocation Services Institute (159 Victoria Road, Swindon, Wiltshire SN1 3BU) is setting up a new body for professionals working for people acquiring property.

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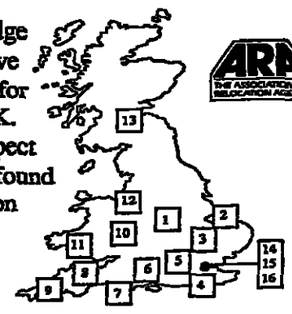
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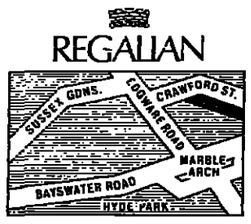
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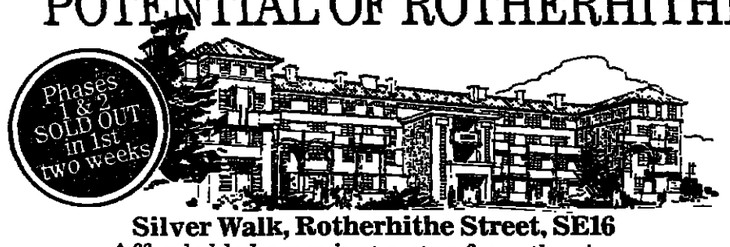
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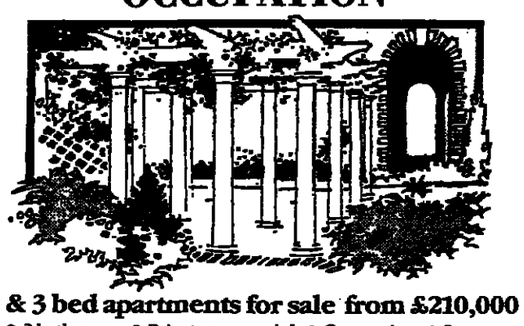
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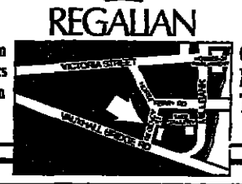
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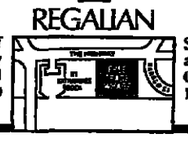
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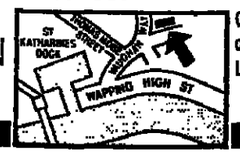
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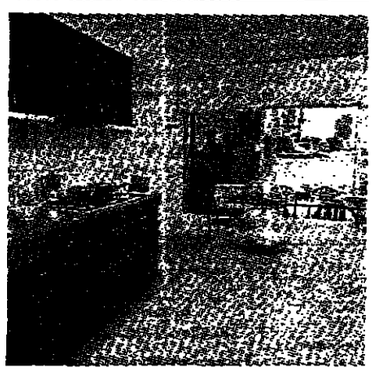
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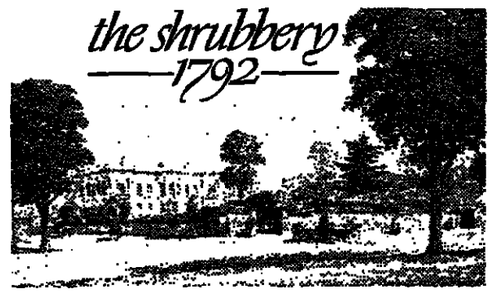
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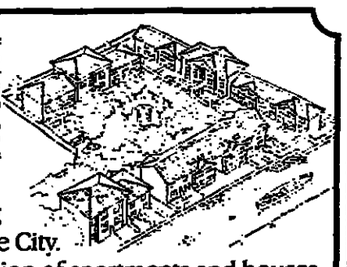
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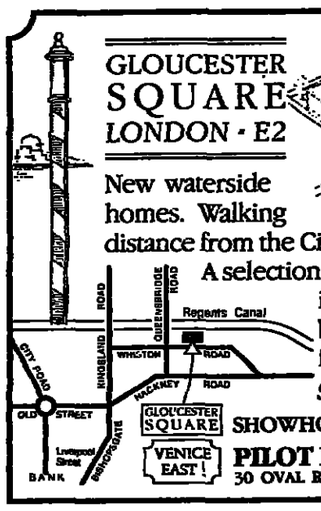
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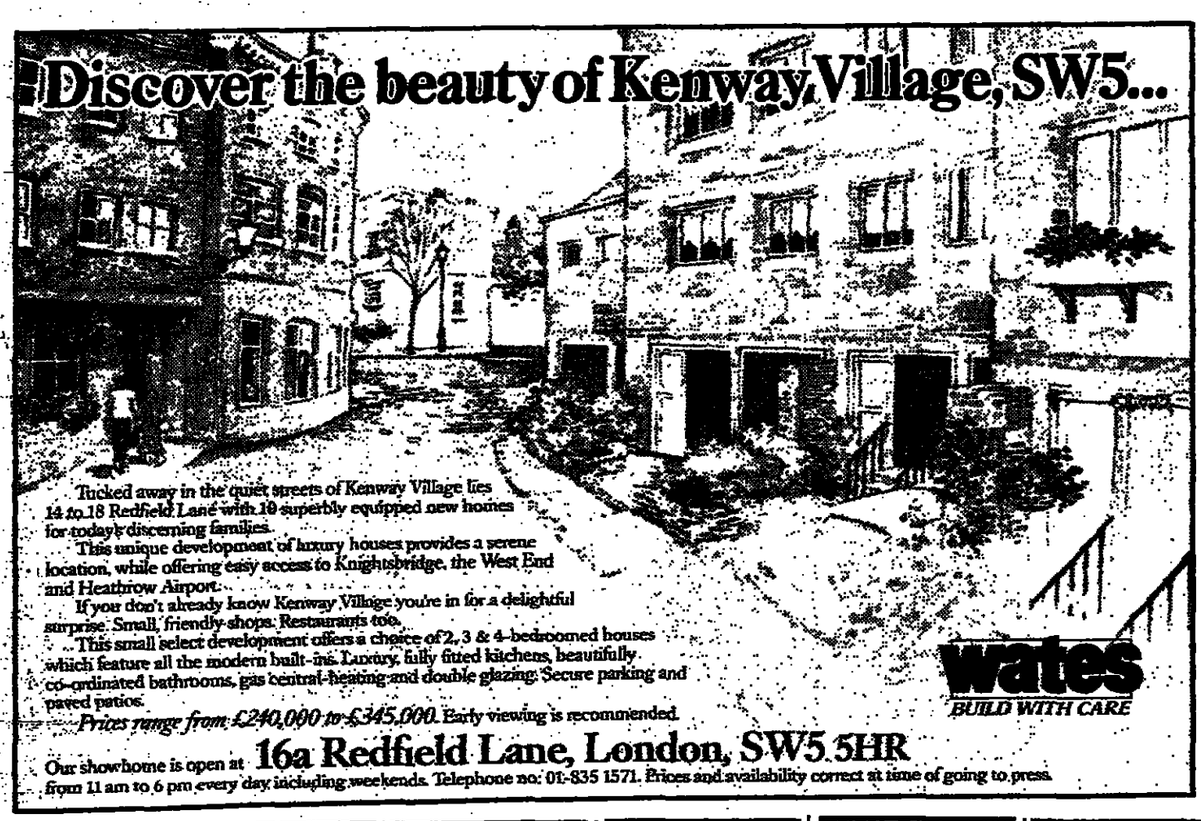
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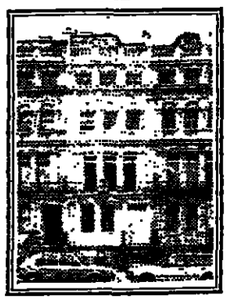
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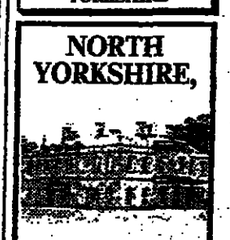
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The state rooms, including a ballroom, a drawing room and a grand hall, need some restoration but retain many of their original features such as carved ceilings, panelled walls, gilt mirrors and marble fireplaces. The house has a terraced garden leading to the large private communal gardens beyond, and the agents are asking for offers of more than £6 million.

■ A five-bedroom house in Milton Keynes, bought new for £95,000 in April last year, has just sold for around double that figure. The price of executive houses in the Buckinghamshire new town have soared in the past 12 months, often by 60 per cent. The reason is the huge demand from the key personnel of companies now moving in at the rate of three or four a week. The five-bedder that doubled in price to go on the market at £195,000 appreciated even more sharply because the whole building was revamped and the garden was professionally landscaped, the agents, GA Property Services, explained.

■ Bakery Cottage stands in the grounds of Garrick's villa at Hampton, Surrey, and is built on the site of the original bakery that supplied the Shakespearian actor. The recently built cottage, overlooking the Thames, is designed in Georgian style, and has four bedrooms and two reception rooms. The owners have access to several acres of gardens, landscaped by Lancelot Brown, son of Capability, and the price is £210,000 through the Teddington branch of Black Horse Agencies Gascoigne-Pees.

■ Strawberry House in Barnes, London, is a superb Queen Anne house and former rectory to 17 rectors of Barnes since the early 18th century. This is only the second time the property has come on to the market. It is one of the few large period houses left intact close to central London, and has retained its period features and country house character. The fabric of the building has been extensively restored and modernized in the past five years in keeping with the original restoration carried out in the 1950s. The house has seven bedrooms, four bathrooms, a first-floor double drawing room, a dining room, a library, a playroom and two self-contained two-bedroom flats. It stands in nearly an acre of walled garden. Knight Frank & Rutley's guide price is more than £2 million.



The Postern, about a mile from Tonbridge, is a Grade II listed Georgian house in formal gardens, described in *House and Garden* as among the best in Kent. The house, built in 1757, has two reception rooms, a panelled study, a master bedroom and seven further bedrooms. Part of the accommodation is arranged as a nursery flat. There are in addition a three-bedroom cottage and a flat over the garage. The four-acre gardens include a swimming pool, a tennis court, a croquet lawn, an orchard and woodland, and the owner has recently acquired a further 45 adjoining acres. Richard Page, of the agents Savills, says: "The Postern is many of our purchasers' idea of the ideal country house. In research last year 17 per cent of our clients actually specifically requested a Georgian property, and we therefore envisage strong interest." The guide price from Savills is £1.5 million

Home to the hideaways

Shropshire may not be commuter territory, at any rate from London, but there are strong signs that it is one of the latest targets to satisfy the voracious appetite of that determined breed of people seeking country houses.

In *Buying a Country House*, a guide produced by *Country Life* with Knight Frank & Rutley, a commuter would have to leave at around 6am to be at the London office at 9am, which surely rules out commuting, and property prices in the county in the past six years have increased by just under the national average.

But Knight Frank & Rutley's Shrewsbury office has recently detected a pincer movement on the so far "undiscovered" county. Until recent years Shropshire has remained very much a rural retreat, too far from main centres, but that is changing.

Knight Frank & Rutley sees it this way. People are homing in from the Pottery towns to the north and the Midland industrial areas in the east. Those who cannot find rural homes in Hereford and Worcester and Gloucestershire are pushing up the M5 from the south, while the investors with City money are making a diagonal swoop across country from the Home Counties. In addition, the development of the new town of Telford is producing a whole new group of buyers.

Prices of rural homes in this area bordering on Wales are still relatively cheap, certainly compared with the rest of southern Britain, but they increased across the board last year and are set for another increase this year.

It is still possible to buy a rural cottage for renovation from £25,000, but that cannot continue for much longer, the agents point out. Kate Bucknall explains that villages look just as they did 30 years ago, with no major developments or sprawling estates, which makes the area extremely attractive to people working in the urban and industrial areas only 30 minutes' drive away.

The construction of the M54 has brought fast communication to the West Midlands and opened up the county to the commuters of Birmingham and Wolverhampton. As a result country houses have risen sharply in value in the past 12 months. Shropshire is the home of "black and white" architecture, and the distinctive half-timbered properties remain the most sought-after dwellings. The price of one of these houses, with around five acres, was about £120,000 at the beginning of 1987, but had increased to £145,000-plus by the autumn. And this year, say the agents, buyers will have to find at least £155,000.

Medieval houses are still to be found, but most need considerable restoration. A cottage will cost from £50,000 and a small hall house from £120,000.

Mrs Bucknall says: "Because Shropshire has been less popular than other areas and has remained substantially undeveloped, properties have not merely remained unspoilt by unsympathetic modernization in the 1960s and 1970s, but surrounding land and outbuildings have not been sold away.

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Journey's end: Big Ben shows exactly 4.30pm and for Terry Glanville, aged 67, a hard seven hours is thankfully over. (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance)

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BOXING: IRISHMAN WITH AN APPETITE TO REGAIN BEFORE WORLD TITLE

McGuigan returns gingerly

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

Barry McGuigan has his first contest after nearly two years tonight. On his T-shirt it says "I'm back". But it is not so much the first bout on a "comeback trail" as a test to see if the idea of a return really appeals to him.

He will make a fresh decision about his plans after each contest and after each training period. He has said: "If I am not right for a fight I won't fight."

He hopes to retire at the end of this year after winning the world super-featherweight title and proving to himself that his defeat by Steve Cruz, of the United States, in the heat of Las Vegas was an aberration.

His new manager, Frank Warren, said yesterday: "Being the perfectionist that he is, Barry has to find out if he still has the ability and appetite for the game. He won't be satisfied until he feels everything is just right."

The plan is to have two more contests and then a world title bout with Rocky Lockridge or Azumah Nelson.

Things appear to be going according to his satisfaction so far. After six weeks' training behind closed doors and a period in a health farm, he appears to be back to his old self in his new super-feather-weight division.

The 7,000-capacity Alexandra Palace is expected to be a sell-out and there should be enough Irishmen at the North London venue to remind him of the old days. Three American television companies, CBS, ABC and NBC have shown an interest in his next three contests and their representatives will be at ringside.

McGuigan's opponent will not be the aggressive Lennie Valdez, as was proposed originally, but Nicky Perez, of the United States.

According to Warren, Valdez stopped training three weeks ago on hearing, through Irish newspapers, that the bout was off because McGuigan was injured. Valdez, apparently, could not be induced to gear himself up again at short notice.

Perez is not as tough a task as Valdez but according to reports is a good stand-up boxer-fighter who comes to fight. He is the USBA super-featherweight champion and No. 9 in the International Boxing Federation's rankings.

His last bout was against none other than Julio Chavez. Perez was stopped in three rounds but then Chavez is the world lightweight champion and believed to be pound for pound the best boxer in the world.

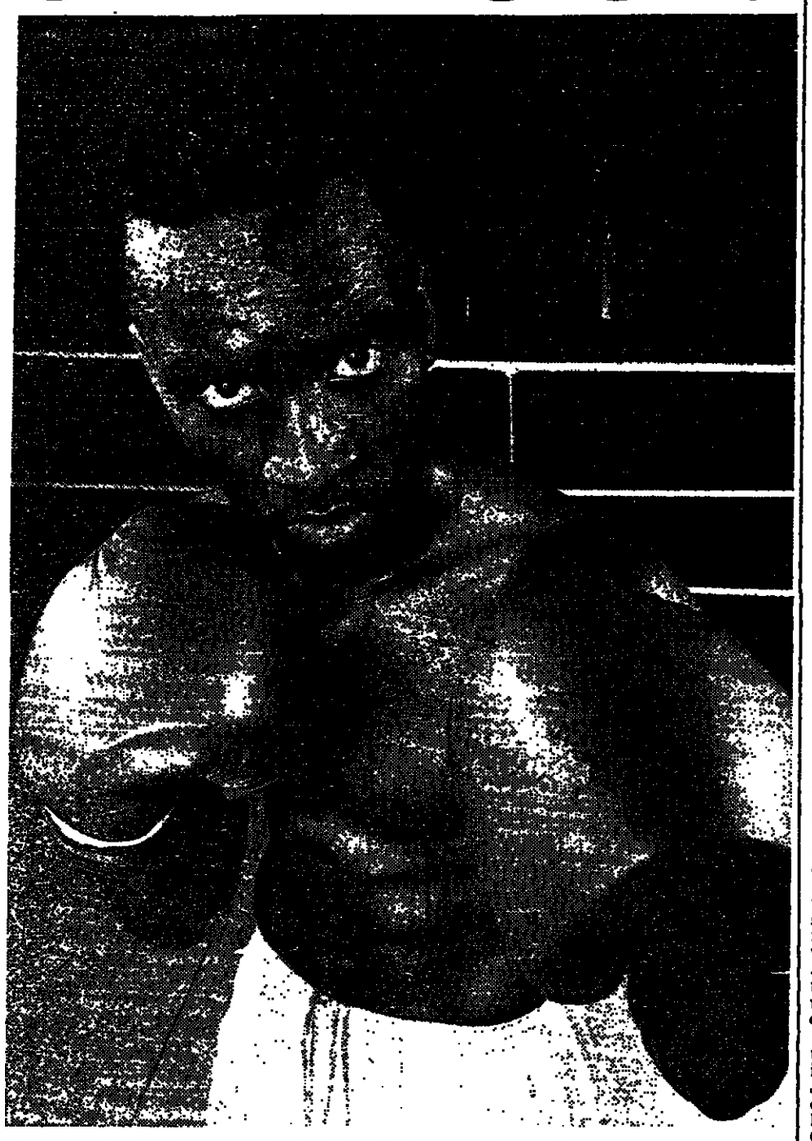
Perez's record (72 contests, 53 wins — 36 knockouts, 11 defeats), gives a good form line, for he has been the distance twice with Cruz, who put McGuigan out of action. Perez has certainly faced some tough opponents in Salvador Sanchez, Wilfredo Gomez, Jackie Beard and Jose Caba.

Like McGuigan, the 27-year-old Perez, too, was out of boxing, though for rather longer — 39 months. "Because my mother gets very upset when I fight," he said. "She does not know I am in London. She thinks I am at school in Tucson." If the little Mexican does not get a hiding tonight he could expect one when his mum finds out.

Nigel Benn, the unbeaten West Ham middleweight, faces his first real test in 17 bouts when he meets Abdul Umaru Sanda, of Ghana, for the Commonwealth title vacated by Tony Sibson. Sanda has won 23 of his 29 bouts and gave Sibson a hard time over 12 rounds, even shook him in the third with a left hook. He has knocked out 15 opponents and never been on the floor.

Benn's slam-bang tactics might not succeed against Sanda as they have done against his other 16 opponents, who had to go home early.

Sanda is a late substitute and a much more experienced and solid opponent than the first-choice Joe Makaza, of Zimbabwe. He should test Benn's defences and could even force Benn to settle for his first points win.



Beware of bulldog: Benn set to offer blood, toil, cheers and sweat (Photograph: John Rogers)

SQUASH RACKETS

Proving better than the best

By Colin McQuillan

The manner in which Jahangir Khan, of Pakistan, and Susan Devoy, of New Zealand, defended their Hi-Tec British Open titles at Wembley against the most spirited multiple challenge for years suggests that they have both emerged from troubled seasons better equipped than ever to tantalize their ambitious pursuers.

Jahangir defeated Rodney Martin, of Australia, 9-2, 9-10, 9-0, 9-1 in the men's final to win a record seventh successive British Open in the competition's golden jubilee year.

Devoy made it five in a row in the women's sixtieth year of competition by defeating Liz Irving, another of the young Australians reaching the top echelons, 9-7, 9-5, 9-1.

Both champions are in search of further statistics in the game's premier event. Jahangir said after inflicting upon Martin the assault he had spent preparing for Jansher Khan, the top-seeded world champion removed by Martin in the quarter-finals, that overhauling the record eight British Open wins by Geoff Hunt, of Australia, was his paramount ambition.

Devoy must add 11 more victories just to equal the extraordinary 16-year domination of Heather McKay. "That is not for real consideration," she said. "I am proud of myself for proving I am still the best woman player in the world now. And I will be around for some time to come, contrary to rumours of my imminent departure."

Pride and perhaps a little relief coloured both championship wins at Wembley. Jahangir had lost nine times out of 10 to Jansher since beating him 3-0 in last year's British Open final and for a time it seemed he might be permanently submerged after five-and-a-half years of undefeated supremacy. Instead he has remade himself physically and mentally for another sustained attack upon the international circuit.

Devoy met her greatest challenge for years in the semi-finals at Wembley when Lucy Soutter, of England, won the first two games of their 113-minute marathon match and led in all three subsequent games before failing by the slimmest of margins to complete a famous victory.

Both finals reflected a mood among English referees to toughen their view of unnecesary and opportunistic let calls.

Jahangir was not amused. "I have never been given so many no-let calls in my life," he complained.

YACHTING

Round-the-clock race to meet the challenge

By Barry Pickthall

Peter de Savary, head of Britain's Blue Arrow America's Cup syndicate, yesterday announced that his team were working 24 hours a day seven days a week in the race to get their 90-foot-waterline maxi-sized monohull built and flown to San Diego in time for the challenge trials in August.

Flourishing an official letter of acceptance from Michael Fay, of New Zealand, to a knock-out series to select the eventual challenger to race against a defender from the San Diego Yacht Club in September, the charismatic club owner admitted that while he was obviously at a disadvantage in time-scale, the invitation to race offered Britain its best chance yet of regaining the oldest of sporting trophies that last saw these shores in 1851.

Components for the boat which, according to de Savary, are already under construction in several centres, will be assembled at the syndicate's Falmouth base in time to be test-sailed before being air-freighted to America in July. He also said that the team planned to have 20 days' practice with the boat off San Diego before the first race.

That time-frame is desperately short for even the most experienced crew to familiarize themselves with this monster class of yacht, which even the New Zealanders admit is so far from existing benchmarks that it is off the bench. De Savary argued yesterday that what Britain lacks in time is more than made up for in research and development.

The Blue Arrow team of designers, who include Rob Humphreys, Ed Dubois, Tony Castro, Ron Holland, Derek Clarke and Jo Richards, have been working on this design with an almost unlimited budget for 18 months, compared to the four days it took Bruce Farr and his design team to produce the basic lines for New Zealand's challenger. But de Savary and his Blue Arrow partner, Tony Berry, are banking on the odds being stacked further in their favour.

There is a strong possibility that New Zealand will forestall San Diego's attempts to engineer a successful defence by ranging a faster 60-foot multihull against the challenging monohull. Should Fay win his demand for a "fair match", this will almost certainly force a delay until May next year to give the Californians time to build an acceptable defender — and Britain time to hone its challenger into a cup winner.

The challange has forced Chris Law, Blue Arrow's sailing co-ordinator and expected skipper, to abandon his Soling Olympic campaign and the syndicate has also called a halt to its six-metre programme in order to pour all its resources into the cup programme.

TENNIS

McEnroe ponders charitable Goal

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

John McEnroe, three times Wimbledon champion, may prepare for this year's championships by playing for charity in Dublin on June 14 and 15: the week before Wimbledon. His decision depends on whether or not he considers that his fitness and form justify a return to Wimbledon, where he has not competed since 1985.

The annual Dublin event, played on Trinity College courts as part of a week's practice and relaxed match-play, raises about £60,000 a year for Goal, a charity devoted mainly to famine relief in East Africa.

The five or six players concerned pay all their own expenses — including their rounds at the bar — and take nothing in return. On the other hand they enjoy the break, need the practice, and have the satisfaction of helping a good cause.

Mats Wilander usually rounds up a few celebrities and this year will be joined by Joakim Nystrom, Mikael Pernfors, and possibly McEnroe and Yannick Noah. More remote possibilities include Pat Cash and Jimmy Connors.

Hana Mandlikova and Carling Bassett, otherwise known as Mrs Sedlak and Mrs Seguso, have agreed to compete in the £100,000 Bank of Scotland grass-court championships in Edinburgh from June 6 to 12. Anders Jarryd, Andres Gomez, and Brad Gilbert had made earlier commitments.

The championships will feature six men and four women from the international circuit. All these will come into the event at the quarter-final stage, beginning on the third day. During the first two days local players, 16 men and 16 women, will contest quarter-final vacancies.

The pre-Wimbledon tournament scene is looking healthier than it has done for many years. For three weeks, prominent players from the international tour will be scattered all over the place.

From May 30 to June 4 there will be tournaments at Beckenham and Manchester. The following week will feature Queen's Club, Birmingham, and Edinburgh — plus a Davis Cup tie, at Bristol, between Britain and either Belgium or Finland.

Finally, during the week preceding Wimbledon, there will be tournaments at Eastbourne, Bristol, and West Kirby, (on the Wirral peninsula), the charity event in Dublin and — far more harrowing for the players — the Wimbledon qualifying competition at Roehampton.

ICE HOCKEY

Semi-final place for Wasps

By Norman de Mesquita

As expected, Durham Wasps and Whitley Warriors took the top two places in their quarter-final group to join Fife Flyers and Murrayfield Racers in next weekend's Heineken championship semi-finals at Wembley.

It was an emotional occasion at Whitley Bay, with Alfie Miller, the veteran centre ice playing his last home game. He will retire after Wembley, but left the supporters with the memory of his first three-goal game since December 1986, helping Warriors to a comfortable win over Nottingham Panthers.

For the Wasps, it was Ian Cooper and the Johnson brothers who dominated the scoring with eight of their 12 goals.

Even more dominant were Fife's two Canadians, Fred Perlini and Steve Moria, in their away win over Solihull Barons. They combined for seven goals and 13 assists, and were prominent in the home win over Racers, but following an eight-goal second period, the Flyers coasted in the third.

RESULTS: Heineken Championship, quarter-finals: Fife Flyers 11, Murrayfield Racers 5; Nottingham Panthers 3, Durham Wasps 12; Solihull Barons 7, Fife Flyers 11; Whitley Warriors 11, Nottingham Panthers 7.

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19,800 J Miles 5:25:23; S Cunningham 5:25:23; W Cunean 5:25:24; D Meaney 5:25:30; L Gonzalez-Smith 5:25:32; K Holden 5:25:32, G Allbutt 5:25:34; K Heaven 5:25:41; E Middleson 5:25.42; A Maddison 5:25:45; A Thomas 5:25:48, R Joseph 5:25:47; D McCann 5:25:48; C Clark 5:25:48; K Jones 5:25:49; J Engel-Andreesson 5:25:49; R Fawcett 5:25:50; C Hamilton 5:25:50; D Newland 5:25:05; G Rumney 5:26:06; R Male 5:26:07; K Trevorrow 5:26:07; J Trevorrow 5:26:08; K Smith 5:26:08; J Allen 5:26:09; L Norooz 5:26:09; D Brereton 5:26:11; G James 5:26:11; C Martinez 5:26:12; B Jones 5:26:12; P Jones 5:26:13; M Hopcraft 5:26:13; L Comber 5:26:15; C Lee 5:26:16; L Semerenzo 5:26:16, P Arran 5:26:16; P Valentine 5:26:17; C Carney 5:26:17; W Mainland 5:26:17; L Shaw 5:26:18; T Drennan 5:26:18; A Mankelow 5:26:21; H Duffy 5:26:22; J Best 5:26:22; A Cartwright 5:26:22; J Alexander 5:26:22; S Chowns 5:26:22; J Fullwood 5:26:23; D Reeves 5:26.29; M Kens 5:26:31;

19,850 K Poulson 5:26:32; M Maisey 5:26:36, S Graves 5:26:38; J Thorny 5:26:41; C Goulbourne 5:26:45; A Black 5:26:51; W McDonald 5:26:51; K Cottingwood 5:26:53; K Smith 5:26:54; A Batt 5:26:56; S Forster 5:26:57;

Hemline to initiate Walwyn double

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Lambourn trainer Peter Walwyn, having got off the mark with a double at Newbury on Saturday, can repeat the performance at Epsom today by winning the Racal Electronics Fillies Handicap with HEMLINE and the Racal-Vodafone Blue Riband Trial Stakes with RAWNAK.

Pat Eddery, who was champion jockey four years in a row in the 1970s when retained by the stable, is riding for them again this season when his retainers permit.

Today, he will be on Rawnak, who should find life easier today after bypassing a confrontation with that good filly Intimate Guest at Thirsk last Saturday.

Rawnak ended his two-year-old career by finishing second to the speedy Salse in the Somerville Tattersall Stakes at Newmarket.

As such useful performers as Top Class, Gernas and Sungull were behind that day, Rawnak should only have to run to that form to win this afternoon.

As Eddery has been claimed to partner Ashraf Dancer in the second race, Walter Swinburn has been engaged to partner Hemline, who is my nap.

If one turns a blind eye on one moderate performance at Leicester in the autumn, she does not look harshly handicapped with 8st 11lb on her form earlier in the season at Kempton and Goodwood.

She began by finishing a close third to the useful Glowing Report on the Sunbury track. Next time out, she did even better at Goodwood when finishing third again to Triste Oeil and Obeah in the Newham Stakes. They are two pretty decent fillies.

In my opinion, Hemline only has to run as well as she did that day to open her account now.

Eddery could be in for a field day because he also looks capable of winning on WASIMAH (2.0) and MILTON BURN (4.10).

Wasimah, my selection for the EBF Hyde Park Maiden Stakes, should be ideally suited to the fast nature of the sprint course as she showed an abundance of speed first time out at Newmarket last week.

Miltou Burn's chance of winning the Great Metropolitan Handicap looks all the better since First Division, his victim at Kempton 12 days ago, has come out and won since at Newmarket.

There is also some high-class jumping at Cheltenham where PRIVATE VIEWS looks a good bet to win the Steel Plate and Sections Young Chasers Championship Final in view of the way that he turned the Cathcart Challenge Cup into a procession on the last day of the Festival meeting.

The South Wales Showers Mira Silver Trophy should be another cracking race with Very Promising and Beau Ranger both standing their ground. Now that the going is on the fast side again, BEAU RANGER may well be capable of leading all the way.

Fair Child and Ten Of Spades, who had the finish of the Brown Chamberlin Chase to themselves at Newbury in March, clash again in the Piper Champagne Golden Miller Chase for which the Grand National fourth West Tip also turns out. This time TEN OF SPADES should be capable of getting his revenge as Fair Child has run moderately at Liverpool since.

Finally, I very much like the look of the recent easy Chepstow winner STREAM BRIDGE now that he gets into the George Duller Handicap Hurdle with only 10st 3lb to carry.

Appeal upheld

Michael Hammond won his appeal yesterday against a £500 fine imposed on him by the Sedgefield stewards on March 8 for allegedly switching his boots after weighing out. The Jockey Club completely exonerated the rider after a 2½-hour hearing.

Blinkered first time

EPSOM: 3.5 Pineapple's Pride, PONTEFRACT: 3.5 Rob de Ville, 4.15 Go West.



Crank's Quality and Greville Starkey (right) mastering Keen Edge in the Ladbroke Credit Express Handicap at Epsom yesterday (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Unfuwain stamps his mark with impressive Derby trial

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

Unfuwain stormed home by 15 lengths in the Warren Stakes at Epsom yesterday and is now top quoted at 12-1 to repeat the victories of Troy and Henbit in the Ever Ready Derby, on Wednesday, June 1, for Dick Hern and Willie Carson.

Confidently ridden by the five times champion jockey, the 11-8 favourite quickened past Watertight over two furlongs from home to win without being asked a serious question.

Major Hern's first reaction to the ease of Unfuwain's victory on the telephone from West Ilsey was unprintable. "However, I thought he did it nicely" was the official comment from the great trainer. "I'll have to talk to Sheikh Hamdan about it, but he could well go for a trial like the Chester Vase and then the Derby.

Carson, too, is always cautious in his judgement. "He didn't beat much," he said. "But I suppose he has given Watertight a 33lb beating. And that can't be too bad."

An exceptionally handsome colt, by Northern Dancer out of Height Of Fashion, Unfuwain is therefore a full brother to last Saturday's John Porter Stakes winner, Alwasmi. The dam was sold by the Queen to Sheikh Al-Maktoum in the summer of 1982.

Although it is early to become over enthusiastic about the winner of a listed race as far as the Derby is concerned, racecourse reaction to Unfuwain's win was spontaneous and overwhelming. Corals laid the colt to lose £20,000 at 10-1 and now have him as their second favourite to Doyoun at 8-1. Similarly, City Index also laid yesterday's winner to take out £20,000 at 14-1 and has trimmed the price to 8-1 as well.

On the 2,000 Guineas front, Hern has not yet reached a decision about Emmson and Charmer, the runner-up to Lapierre in the European Free Handicap. "I've taken Emmson out of the Guardian Classic Trial," he said. "But he's not a certain runner at Newmarket."

Aljaal, Henry Cecil's dark horse for the Derby, was also impressive when winning by four lengths at Nottingham, but the trainer was not at the races and no plans are yet available.

Michael Stoute's fine start to the season continued when Aim For The Top once again showed her relish for soft ground when giving 4lb and a decisive beating to her rivals in the Princess Elizabeth Stakes.

Aim For The Top is unlikely to join Dabaweyaa in a two-pronged stable assault on the 1,000 Guineas. "She's a tough, genuine filly, who likes plenty of give in the ground" said the trainer. "The filly will only run at Newmarket if the going is soft, but she's in races like the French and Irish 1,000."

Stoute added that Sharazari would attempt to repeat Shergar's 1981 win in Saturday's Guardian Classic Trial if the ground is reasonable. The same proviso applies to Minster Son, whose trainer, Hern, also won both the Sandown race and the Derby with Henbit in 1980. Glacial Storm and Galitzin were others among the ten declared.

Charter Party, the Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, was the only surprise withdrawal yesterday when 13 were declared at the four-day stage of acceptors for Saturday's spectacular, the £70,000 Whitbread Gold Cup.

"He just hasn't been pleasing me recently," said David Nicholson. "So now we're going to look after him with next season in mind. Corals make Kildimo their 4-1 favourite for the big race. They then offer 11-2 against Desert Orchid and Aquilifer, and 7-1 against last year's winner Lean Ar Aghaidh.

Knight banned

George Knight was suspended for two days, April 28 and 29, for his use of the whip on Fiery Sunset in the selling hurdle at Devon & Exeter yesterday.

EPSOM

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 Wasimah.	2.00 WASIMAH (nap).
2.35 HEMLINE (nap).	2.35 Princess Genista.
3.05 Impala Lass.	3.05 —
3.35 Rawnak.	3.35 Marasid.
4.10 Milton Burn.	4.10 —
4.45 Strike Force.	4.45 Golden Machine.

Going: good to soft **Draw: 5f-6f, high numbers best**

2.0 EBF HYDE PARK MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,301: 5f) (6 runners)

101	(5)	0	HOWLING GAEL 11 (D Buchanan) G Lewis 9-0	R Cochrane —
102	(7)	0	IRON KING 18 (C Sparrowhawk) R Hannon 9-0	B Rouse —
103	(6)	0	YOUNG SHAVER 9 (P H Betts Ltd) M Tompkins 9-0	A Mackay —
104	(3)		BALLY DARLING (Mrs G Smith) R Smyth 8-9	S Whitworth —
105	(4)		PERICOT (A Williams) P Kelleway 8-9	J Reid —
106	(2)	2	WASIMAH 7 (BF) (M Salem) B Hanbury 8-9	Pat Eddery —

BETTING: 4-5 Wasimah, 7-2 Pericot, 6-1 Iron King, 8-1 Howling Gael, 14-1 Bally Darling, 16-1 Young Shaver.

1987: TOMMY DALY 9-0 Tyrone Williams (11-4 fav) D A Wilson 8 ran

2.35 RACAL ELECTRONICS HANDICAP (3-Y-O fillies: £4,510: 1m 11yds) (11 runners) C 4

201	(8)	100-	BASHUSH 180 (G) (H Al-Maktoum) Thomson Jones 9-7	R Hills 87
202	(9)	641-	PRINCESS GENISTA 212 (G) (I Stewart-Brown) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-6	J Reid 86
203	(3)	320-	MILLIE WATERS 172 (A Warnander) H Candy 9-6	W Newnes 61
204	(10)	0182-0	ASHRAF DANCER 18 (BF,F) (S Suhail) B Hanbury 9-5	Pat Eddery 89
205	(7)	14-	STRAIGHT GOLD 288 (G) (J Sayers) N Vigors 9-5	P Cook 61
207	(11)	320200-	VICEROY MELODY 177 (F Broom) R Hannon 9-2	L Jones (5) 87
208	(1)	02-0210	LADY LUSTRE 13 (BF,S) (J Peters) C Allen 9-0 (Sex)	J Quinn (5) 93
209	(6)	334-	HEMLINE 184 (R Hembro) P Walwyn 8-11	W Swinburn ● 99
210	(5)	3200-02	FAREWELL SONG 9 (P Mellon) I Balding 8-11	M Marshall (7) 90
211	(2)	00004-	LADY OF SHALOTT 197 (J Horgan) R Hannon 8-5	S Rouse 80
212	(4)	40200-0	BIRCHGREY LADY 9 (P Urwin Holdings Ltd) P Mitchell 8-4	C Rutter 86

BETTING: 11-4 Ashraf Dancer, 7-2 Farewell Song, 9-2 Princess Genista, 6-1 Millie Waters, 8-1 Hemline, 10-1 Lady of Shalott, 16-1 others.

1987: HOORAY LADY 9-1 T Quinn (5-1) P Cole 11 ran

FORM BASHUSH (8-7) 7l 5th to Lapierre (8-12) at Ascot on penultimate start (6f, £12048, soft, Jun 18, 14 ran).

PRINCESS GENISTA (8-11) stayed on well to beat Early Call (8-11) 1½l at Leicester (1m, £964, good, Sep 21, 14 ran).

MILLIE WATERS (8-11) best effort when 4l 2nd to Moggie (8-11) on penultimate start (6f, £2938, good, Jul 4, 5 ran).

ASHRAF DANCER (9-5) neck 2nd to Sonic Light (7-13) at Wolverhampton on penultimate start (7f, £2186, firm, Sep 14, 15 ran).

STRAIGHT GOLD (8-11) 5¾l 4th to Suntrap (9-0) at Warwick (7f, £2599, firm, Jul 7, 7 ran).

HEMLINE (8-11) 8½l 4th to Asi (8-11) at Leicester (7f, £964, soft, Oct 19, 12 ran).

FAREWELL SONG (8-4) ½l 2nd to Fire Starlet (8-11) at Folkestone with BIRCHGREY LADY (8-11) unplaced (7f, £953, good to firm, Apr 11, 18 ran).

Selection: HEMLINE

3.05 MINORU HANDICAP (£4,596: 5f) (15 runners) C 4

301	(1)	1/04323-	ULTRA NOVA 243 (D,F) (C Shacklea) P Cole 4-10-0	T Quinn 88
302	(15)	602200-	MAKE OR MAR 161 (D,F) (Mrs G Smith) R Smyth 4-10-0	S Whitworth 94
303	(2)	21000-8	BLUEMEDE 26 (D,BF,G,S) (P Armstrong) M Britain 4-8-13	J Reid 96
304	(6)	010002-	JOE SUGDEN 185 (D,F,S) (F Hines) R Whitaker 4-9-8	K Bradshaw (5) 95
306	(5)	0000-30	RESTORE 9 (B,F,S) (Mrs S Khan) G Lewis 5-9-8	Pat Eddery ● 99
308	(12)	230003-0	OUR FREDDIE 12 (T Mills) D A Wilson 4-9-0	S Rouse 93
309	(11)	4U300-0	PENDOR DANCER 9 (V,D,F,G) (W Patterson) K Ivory 5-8-11	R Cochrane 97
310	(5)	000220-	TACHYON PARK 196 (V,D,F) (J Rowland) P Arthur 5-8-5	N Adams 95
311	(9)	60016-8	IMPALA LASS 9 (D,F,G,S) (R Shaw) B McMahon 5-8-4	A Mackay 92
312	(4)	0000-00	LADY CARA 11 (D,G,S) (D O'Brien) H O'Neill 8-8-3	G Bardwell (5) 92
313	(13)	0000-00	KELLY'S ROYALE 9 (D,F,G) (F Cadman) D A Wilson 8-8-0	D J Williams (5) —
314	(10)	6004-40	SAMLEON 11 (D,F,S) (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 4-7-13	G Hills (7) 96
315	(3)	00/0	MADAME FLORA 23 (J Stafford) H O'Neill 4-7-11	S Dawson —
316	(7)	0310-00	PINEAPPLE'S PRIDE 18 (B,D,BF,S) (Pineapple Ltd) J Barry 4-7-9	Dana Mellor (5) 98
317	(14)	004-042	ROYAL BEAR 9 (D,F,S) (E Monaghan) J M Bradley 6-7-7	R Fox 94

Long handicap: Royal Bear 6-7

BETTING: 7-2 Restore, 9-2 Pineapple's Pride, 5-1 Royal Bear, 6-1 Bluemede, 7-1 Make Or Mar, 8-1 Samleon, 10-1 Joe Sugden, 12-1 Ultra Nova, 16-1 others.

1987: CLANTIME 6-9-10 D McKeown (3-1) R Whitaker 8 ran

FORM ULTRA NOVA (8-7) held 2nd to Dancing Belle (8-5) on penultimate start at Pontefract (5f, £3281, good, Jul 21, 3 ran).

MAKE OR MAR (8-5) best effort a 2l 2nd to Wantage Park (9-1) at Sandown with ULTRA NOVA (8-6) a neck 3rd and JOE SUGDEN (8-0) 1¼l behind in 6th (5f, £4924, firm, Aug 21, 13 ran).

JOE SUGDEN (8-6) 1½l 2nd to Royal Fan (8-7) at Doncaster with PENDOR DANCER (7-11) n 9th (5f, £9340, good, Nov 7, 22 ran).

RESTORE (9-13) neck 2nd to Barnby Don (8-0) on penultimate start at Warwick with ROYAL BEAR (7-7) 1l 4th (5f, £1643, good to soft, Apr 4, 16 ran).

TACHYON PARK (8-10) best effort a 1l 2nd to Gallant Hope (8-10) at Chepstow with IMPALA LASS (8-7) 5l 4th (5f, £1468, good to firm, sep 1, 20 ran).

ROYAL BEAR (7-7) 1½l 2nd to Abathstc (10-0) at Wolverhampton with IMPALA LASS (8-10) 5½l 5th and PENDOR DANCER (9-3) and KELLY'S ROYALE (8-10) unplaced (5f, £2271, soft, Apr 11, 20 ran).

Selection: RESTORE

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.35 RACAL-VODAFONE BLUE RIBAND TRIAL STAKES (3-Y-O colts and geldings: £11,004: 1m 110yds) (6 runners) C 4

401	(5)	02010-	CRUISE SHIP 151 (G) (A Richards) C Brittain 8-13	M Roberts 83
402	(3)	0110-	ILISHPOUR 179 (G,S) (H H Aga Khan) L Cumani 8-13	R Cochrane 92
403	(6)	11-	MARASID 232 (C,G) (H H Aga Khan) M Stoute 8-13	W R Swinburn 90
404	(1)	1-	ST CADOC 257 (G) (R Sangster) B Hills 8-13	M Hills 79
406	(2)	2312-	RAWNAK 201 (G) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-10	Pat Eddery ● 89
407	(4)	3613-	SHUJA 179 (G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-10	R Hills 92

BETTING: 7-4 Marasid, 11-4 Rawnak, 4-1 St Cadoc, 6-1 Ilishpour, 8-1 Shuja, 12-1 Cruise Ship.

1987: (1m 4f) LYPHENTO 8-12 G Starkey (11-2) G Harwood 5 ran

FORM CRUISE SHIP (9-0) best effort a 1½l beating of Nemesia (8-9) at Newmarket on penultimate start (6f, £3587, good, Oct 30, 15 ran).

ILISHPOUR (9-0) 12½l 5th to Emmson (9-0) in the Futurity Stakes at Doncaster (1m, £48384, good, Oct 24, 6 ran).

MARASID (9-2) beat Tolo (9-5) 1l at Epsom (7f, £4143, good, Sep 1, 4 ran).

ST CADOC (9-0) beat Military Salute (9-0) a neck at Newmarket (7f, £24081, good, Aug 7, 15 ran).

RAWNAK (8-12) 4l 2nd to Salse (9-1) at Newmarket (7f, £10548, good to firm, Oct 2, 6 ran).

SHUJA (8-10) 4l 3rd to Cleraforlle (8-10) at Leopardstown (7f, £15085, yielding, Oct 24, 11 ran).

Selection: RAWNAK

4.10 GREAT METROPOLITAN HANDICAP (£4,893: 1m 4f) (13 runners) C 4

501	(7)	02/3221-	TALUS 102J (F) (J & D Cen Cleaners Ltd) J Bosley 4-9-12	I Johnson 87
502	(5)	30/1343-	LAABAS 343 (S) (Westcliff Bloodstock Ltd) J Long 5-9-6	R Cochrane 92
505	(8)	1303-1	SANAMAR 15 (F,S) (R Sangster) J Hills 4-9-4 (5ex)	M Hills 95
506	(2)	20/230-	JOHNNY ROSE 25J (Southern Counties Civil Eng) R Akehurst 4-8-13	J Reid 95
507	(9)	211444-	EMPIRE BLUE 185 (C,F,G) (G Meyrick) P Cole 5-8-11	T Quinn ● 99
508	(10)	2030-21	MILTON BURN 12 (D,F,G,S) (A Richards) H O'Neill 7-8-7 (5ex)	Pat Eddery 97
510	(6)	04020-2	HEART OF STONE 15 (D,G,S) (M Morrison) R Akehurst 6-8-3	S Whitworth 97
511	(1)	400-	DOUBLE DUTCH 33J (L Fuller) Miss B Sanders 4-8-1	C Rutter 96
513	(12)	00200-0	HOLLISTON 13 (S) (M Brunton) D A Wilson 6-7-7	D J Williams (5) 95
514	(3)	30030-0	SAN CARLOS 13 (D,F,S) (Mrs S Crowe) P Ingham 6-7-7	R Fox 97
515	(13)	0033-02	CAMILLA'S GIRL 16 (G) (Mrs J Cash) T Hallett 4-7-7	S Wood (7) 95
516	(4)	210/	TRUST THE IRISH 36J (G) (A Gardiner-Hill) H O'Neill 7-7-7	S Dawson —
517	(11)	0130-02	LANDMARK 2 (D,S) (A Eaton) P Howling 5-7-7	N Adams 96

Long handicap: Landmark 6-10, Trust The Irish 7-0, Camilla's Girl 7-3, San Carlos 7-4, Holliston 7-6

BETTING: 3-1 Milton Burn, 9-2 Heart of Stone, 5-1 Sanamar, 6-1 Empire Blue, 7-1 Camilla's Girl, 8-1 Johnny Rose, 10-1 Laabas, 12-1 Talus, 16-1 others.

1987: OSRIC 4-9-7 P Robinson (5-1) M Ryan 11 ran

FORM TALUS (9-0) beat Blanton Reserve (9-0) 4l at Yarmouth (1m 6f, £1577, good to firm, Sep 15, 11 ran).

SANAMAR (9-1) ran on well to beat HEART OF STONE (8-5) 2l at Warwick (1m 4f 52yd, £2633, good to soft, Apr 5, 11 ran).

JOHNNY ROSE (8-11) best effort a head 3rd to Gesualdo (9-7) at Windsor on penultimate start (1m 2f 22yd, £1061, good, Aug 29, 11 ran).

EMPIRE BLUE (8-0) 2l 4th to Swingit Gunner (8-11) in the November Handicap with MILTON BURN (7-7) behind in 8th (1m 4f, £20470, good, Nov 7, 25 ran).

MILTON BURN (7-7) beat First Division (8-11) 1l at Kempton with LANDMARK (7-8) 12½l 6th (1m 4f, £3111, good, Apr 8, 11 ran).

CAMILLA'S GIRL (7-7) 2½l 2nd to Pearl Run (9-7) at Warwick (1m 8f 18byd, £2515, good to soft, Apr 4, 7 ran).

Selection: EMPIRE BLUE

4.45 BANSTEAD MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,830: 7f) (16 runners)

602	(15)	34-	DWONNEDD 289 (P Marchos) J Tree 9-0	W R Swinburn 91
603	(8)	042000-	FOOT PRINCE 190 (E Reliet) R Akehurst 9-0	— 77
609	(12)		MILL DE LEASE (Plantlow Ltd) R Simpson 9-0	M Gallagher (7) —
611	(2)	00000-0	ONE HEART 11 (E Wilons) E Wheeler 9-0	L Riggio (7) —
612	(10)	00-0	ORIENTAL CHARM 7 (Lord Carrick) E Eldin 9-0	A Mackay 88
613	(11)	8003-	PHILIPPONNAT BRUT 221 (R Stone) Miss L Bower 9-0	S Dawson 69
614	(7)	0062-40	RED DOLLAR 2 (V) (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 9-0	P Hogan 91
615	(14)	0	SPELL BOUND 16 (K Abdulla) R Smyth 9-0	Pat Eddery —
616	(13)	000-	SPIRIT SAM 186 (J Dayani) D A Wilson 9-0	T Quinn —
617	(3)	232-	STRIKE FORCE 230 (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0	M Hills ● 99
619	(1)	0-	DONOSA 228 (Mrs D Brazier) M Haynes 8-11	P Cook —
620	(6)	43-	FETOON 176 (Sheikh A Al Maktoum) I Balding 8-11	J Matthias 83
621	(4)	00-2	GOLDEN MACHINE 16 (Capt M Lomos) C Britain 8-11	M Roberts 91
623	(16)	00000-	MRS MEADOWS 212 (G Morris) W R Williams 8-11	D McKay —
624	(5)	04022-4	SISTER CHABRIAS 16 (P Dolan) M Haynes 8-11	J Reid 89
625	(9)	00-	WENDY JANE 195 (R Garner) M Bolton 8-11	C Rutter —

BETTING: 5-2 Strike Force, 3-1 Dwonnedd, 6-1 Fetoon, 8-1 Golden Machine, 10-1 Spell Bound, 12-1 Sister Chabrias, Foot Prince, Oriental Charm, 16-1 others.

1987: (7f 11yds) SOLA SOOM 8-11 S Cauthen (8-1) P Kelleway 14 ran

FORM PROBLEM CHILD (10-7) got up close home to beat Flag of Truce (11-3) a length at Newbury (2m 160yd, £2513, soft, Mar 26, 7 ran) with SOLAR CLOUD (11-3) 22l 5th, while MISSING MAN (11-11) was leading when a last fence casualty.

MISSING MAN (11-6) previously beat Glenavey (11-5) 2l at Sandown (2m 4l 66yd, £3302, good, Mar 11, 6 ran).

Selection: PRIVATE VIEWS

4.35 EVESHAM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,831: 2m) (25 runners)

5		1101101	TEBITTO 16 (CD,F,S) (L Ames) A Turnell 5-11-8	I Lawrence ● 99
6		241300	TUNS HILL 14 (D,S) (S Acott) R Dickin 6-11-8	NON–RUNNER —
7		31	AUCTION FEVER 15 (D,S) A Stringer) A Stringer 5-11-4	K Coser 70
14		20-P084	COURT APPEAL 11 (A Souch) A Souch 6-11-0	— —
15		0404P2	CROWN GREEN 16 (J Thursby) F Walwyn 6-11-0	G Piper (4) 64
16		000	DINNY WALSH 130 (BF,F,S) (M Shone) J Edwards 7-11-0	D Tegg 71
17		P2-0000	DUELLING 26 (C Holmes) C Holmes 7-11-0	Karen Dixon (4) 57
18		F000	ELITE BOY 46 (Mrs C Black) Mrs C Black 5-11-0	N Fearn 59
19		000	FRAMPTON HOUSE 33 (A Peachey) M Charles 6-11-0	M Sharratt (4) —
21		00-	GEE UP 25 (K Mackenzie) A Turnell 5-11-0	N Rayner (4) —
22		20-0400	GHILLIE HILLS 47 (Miss F Fletcher) N Gasalee 6-11-0	A Adams 77
26		0P-	LURGI'S STAR 13F (A Kassaris) Miss B Sanders 5-11-0	J Haffa (4) —
27		00F02	MALICHO 14 (Eastern Quartet Ltd) G Balding 5-11-0	A Charlton 76
28		04F0FP	MAJOR THAMES 22 (Mrs D Haynes) D Nicholson 5-11-0	W Humphreys 86
33		P000	ROYAL EFFIGY 39 (T Stokes) R Weaver 5-11-0	Vicky Slatt (4) —
35		04	SHAREEF 20 (H Insley) W Clay 5-11-0	Diane Clay —
36		P0	SMOKEY'S SECRET 16 (J Roberts) R Dickin 6-11-0	M Jones —
38		0	STAG DINNER 54 (Mrs M Valentine) F Winter 5-11-0	V Kennedy —
40		0	THE HUMBLE TILLER 25 (Mrs F de Moraville) N Henderson 5-11-0	J Smith 72
43		P00-00P	VANISHING BOY 19 (J Browne) F Hollis 6-11-0	Jessica Charles Jones —
45			BARVADEL (N Smith) N A Smith 7-10-9	M Haggerdge —
46		09	FIRMITER 57 (G Johnson) N Henderson 6-10-9	C Llewellyn —
47		000-21F	FU'S LADY 126 (S) (S Dunster) P Hobbs 5-10-9	D Hood —
52		000030	SHY HIKER 18 (M Lilley) R Dickin 5-10-9	NON–RUNNER —
53		000084	USEFUL ADDITION 14 (D Cowghill) M Tate 6-10-9	W Hayes 75

BETTING: 5-4 Tebitto, 3-1 The Humble Tiller, 11-2 Ghillie Hills, 8-1 Dinny Walsh, 10-1 Master Thames, 12-1 Malicho, 14-1 others.

1987: DETROIT SAM 6-11-0 L Harvey (3-1 fav) J Whitfield 20 ran

FORM RYDE AGAIN (11-0) 10l 3rd to Faraway Lad (11-0) at Liverpool (2m, £2916, good, Apr 7, 14 ran).

SIR'S AT THE GIN (11-2) 6l 2nd to Prime Oats (11-2) at Ascot (2m 4f, £3414, good, Apr 6, 17 ran) with PRIVATEPERFORMANCE (11-2) wes behind.

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EPITROT (11-4) on penultimate start ¾l 3rd to Cashcanon (11-0) at Sandown (2m, £2327, good, Mar 11, 15 ran) with SADDLERS NIGHT (11-8) ½l 4th.

BOY PAINTER (11-6) beat Lullaby Baby (10-5) 1½l at Ayr (2m, £585, heavy, Mar 14, 13 ran).

SERIOUS MAN (11-0) best effort when 8l 2nd to Relekto (11-0) at Sandown (2m, £4336, heavy, Feb 6, 24 ran) with DAWN PRINCE (11-0) 5l 3rd.

Selection: SERIOUS MAN

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
H Candy	4	13	30.77
M Stoute	8	33	24.24
P Walwyn	5	22	22.7
H Thomson Jones	3	19	15.79
P Kelleway	3	20	15.0
M Haynes	4	29	13.79

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
W R Swinburn	8	32	25.0
J Reid	3	20	15.0
Pat Eddery	10	81	12.35
R Fox	3	26	11.54
T Quinn	3	27	11.11
R Cochrane	3	31	9.7

CHELTENHAM

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 I'll Do The Jokes.	4.00 Private Views.
2.50 Ten Of Spades.	4.35 Tebitto.
3.25 Beau Ranger.	5.10 Stream Bridge.

By Michael Seely

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The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.35 TEBITTO.

Going: good to firm

2.15 EBF NOVICES HURDLE FINAL (Handicap: Listed race: £11,288: 2m) (25 runners) BBC 2

1		1133	RYDE AGAIN 13 (D,S) (Mr K Hayward) P Cundell 5-11-10	C Heywood (7) 94
2		321612	SIR'S AT THE GIN 14 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs P Gibbings) J Gifford 7-11-8	R Rowe 86
3		132030	THE BAKEWELL BOY 25 (D,G) (N Lake) R Frost 5-11-5	J Frost 94
4		1312RU	REDGRAVE DEVIL 25 (D,S) (T Bish) K Bishop 6-11-4	S Earle 94
5		P12014	SADDLERS NIGHT 40 (D,G,S) (Let Stationary) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-2	M Pitman 85
6		P03132	EPITROT 16 (S) (A Goode) M Robinson 5-11-0	J White 85
7		241300	TUNS HILL 14 (D,S) (S Acott) R Dickin 6-10-13	M Jones (7) 95
8		112031	GREAT DESTINY 41 (D,G,S) (Mrs D Bravery) C Bravery 8-10-12	D Gallagher (7) 88
9		46314	CHATANOOGACHOOCHOO 16 (D,G,S) (N Oberstein) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-11	M Bowlby 93
10		2321	GRENAGH 28 (D,S) (Mrs D Joyce) V Bishop 7-10-10	G Marnagh 85
13		121310	HEYFLEET 40 (D,F,S) (Mrs R Allen) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-9	J Leech 96
14		2612P1	BOY PAINTER 37 (D,S) (Regent Decorators) J Johnson 5-10-7	G Landau ● 99
15		4-3233P	MONUMENTAL LAD 11 (T Parrott) Mrs H Parrott 5-10-6	R Bellamy (7) 87
17		004000	PRIVATEPERFORMANCE 14 (B,S) (K Balfour) Mrs J Pitman 6-10-5	B de Haan 93
18		004110	HIGH RIVER 16 (D,G,S) (F Lees) B Morgan 6-10-4	D Shaw 93
19		403404	DAWN PRINCE 25 (Unity Farm) P Hobbs 5-10-4	Peter Hobbs 89
20		328	SERIOUS MAN 61 (J Musson) D Grissell 5-10-4	H Davies 93
21		012033	SHOON WIND 15 (D,S) (Mrs M Scholey) R Scholey 5-10-3	M Hammond 89
22		408331	DOUBLE CALIBRE 29 (D,S) (G Robinson) J Spearing 5-10-1	G McCourt 94
23		2F63F	ANOTHER CORAL 49 (M Deeley) D Nicholson 5-10-1	R Dunwoody 95
24		02822	I'LL DO THE JOKES 16 (BF) (R Graham) P Mitchell 5-10-1	B Powell 85
25		1P03	WESTERN DANDY 16 (D,S) (Mrs D Fletcher) N Gasalee 5-10-0	A Adams (7) 91
26		060036	SHY HIKER 18 (M Lilley) R Dickin 5-10-0	NON–RUNNER —
28		0P0300	BREENAMORE 16 (H Spooner) W Kemp 6-10-0	S Shilston 75
29		0P0300	COURTBROOK 16 (Mrs S Talmon) N Palming 7-10-0	A Sharpe 80
30		0P0040	COURTBROOK 16 (Mrs S Talmon) N Palming 7-10-0	A Sharpe 80

Long handicaps: Western Dandy 9-11, Breenamore 8-6, Courtbrook 8-2.

BETTING: 7-4 Ryde Again, 11-4 Sir's At The Gin, 4-1 Redgrave Devil, 13-2 Tuns Hill, 8-1 The Bakewell Boy, 12-1 others.

1987: TELETRADER 6-11-9 H Davies (6-1 jt-fav) R Hodges 14 ran

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3.25 SOUTH WALES SHOWERS MIRA SILVER TROPHY CHASE (Feature race: £18,790: 2m 4f) (6 runners) BBC 2

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The Times previews the county cricket season that starts tomorrow with the first round of four-day championship matches

Time to scrutinize a game and its players

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

English cricket, we are told, is sick. Regular bulletins on the health of the patient, emanating from Peter May downwards, leave little room for doubt. All, however, will be very much plainer in five months' time, for the challenging programme ahead will either herald a recuperation or prepare the ground for burial.

In a season as demanding and intriguing as any seen for years, the leading players are confronted not only by six Test matches, of which five are against West Indies, and four one-day internationals, but also by the most varied and elongated county programme ever devised. It will not be a summer for the weak in body or soul: as a fitness check, it could scarcely be harsher.

Tomorrow, at seven venues around the country, the competitive business gets under way with the first of six rounds of four-day Britannic Assurance county championship matches. Some of the game's shrewder brains have been clamouring for this for fully a decade, but it is not quite the revolution they had in mind – rather, in keeping with custom, a woolly compromise compounded by the baffling scheduling of the early fixtures, which start on a Thursday and end on a Monday.

Talking of compromise, another fundamental change in the championship has abandoned last season's half-hearted experiment with uncovered pitches. It might have been worthwhile if those in power had plucked up courage to uncover run-ups as well, thus obliging the use of slow bowlers after rain. Instead, we are back to full covering and a dependence both on the groundsmen and the weather to produce the hard, fast surfaces optimistically prescribed by Lord's.

Thereafter, it is up to the captains. I am convinced they can make four-day cricket work by adopting and instilling positive attitudes; we may even, come September, be a step closer to a more authentic championship comprising 16 four-day games, with each club playing the others once.

There are reasons to think this is the most open and unpredictable championship in recent memory.

Very few counties will set out suspecting they have no chance of at least a share in the prize money. Even the bookmakers are evidently confused. Shopping around the firms shows Essex available at odds ranging from 4-1 to 12-1; Lancashire, runners-up last year, were last week briefly on offer at 16-1; Northamptonshire, Gloucestershire, Worcestershire, Leicestershire, Surrey and Middlesex all dispute favouritism in various betting lists.

Of the champions, Nottinghamshire, there is no sign. The assumption is plainly that they cannot withstand the certain absence of Hadlee and Rice and the likelihood of England calls. It is difficult to argue the point.

Lancashire must logically have an outstanding chance of the title they have not won outright since 1934. Fowler, Mendis and Fairbrother all averaged above 40 last season and with Jesty having joined from Surrey and Atherton available from July, runs should be plentiful. Chris Matthews and Wasim Akram will share the overseas bowling duties, and if the left-arm spin of Folley continues to develop, Lancashire must surely be better equipped for all conditions than they were when surprising so many of us last year.

If there is a team to stop them, I believe it will come from a short list of three. Essex, with Fletcher back at the helm and Border stiffening the batting, should resume business as usual; a year of near-misses should have given Northamptonshire the experience and resolve to go through with their challenge this time; and Gloucestershire have to my mind made the most inspired overseas signing, Terry Alderman being a master in English conditions.

There are a number of individuals for which this is a critical season, even discounting Botham, for whom every season seems to start with a crisis. Hardly an England player can feel confident of his place and there are real opportunities for batsmen such as Maynard, Blakey, Alec Stewart and Robin Smith. Capel has a chance to establish himself as England's all-rounder but, while the competition for Test fast bowling places will be lively, there is scarcely a spinner in sight to threaten the tenure of Emburey.

Here, apart from the fervent wish that the bad conduct issue fades decently into history, is my main hope for 1988. Spinners, at the highest level, are a seriously endangered species in England. Perhaps, with the help of better pitches, longer championship matches and more willing captaincy, the slow men can be coaxed back. Sussex, I understand, have signed a local leg-spinner and intend to play him. Now, that is a promising prospect with which to start the season.

COUNTY BY COUNTY GUIDE

Derbyshire

1987
Britannic Championship: 6th (up 5).
Refuge Assurance League: 5th (up 4).
Players in: Chris Adams, Peter Bowler, Steven Goldsmith, Frank Griffith, Tim O'Gorman, Mark Wakefield, Simon Base.
Players out: Ian Anderson, Andrew Brown, Chris Rudd, Paul Taylor.

Showed marked improvement in both league competitions last year and look ideally balanced to challenge in the one-day competitions again. Holding and Mortensen are one of the most feared opening bowling pairs on the circuit, John Morris and Bruce Roberts two of the most exciting middle-order batsmen, but a lack of variety in their attack could count against them in the Championship. Guaranteed to play some good cricket this summer.

Essex

1987
Britannic Championship: 12th (down 11).
Refuge Assurance League: 16th (down 14).
NatWest Trophy: quarter-finalists.
Players in: Allan Border, Keith Butler, Mark Ilott, Robert Pook, Adam Seymour, Nadeem Shahid.
Players out: David Acfield, Chris Gladwin, Hugh Page.

Familiar faces return to familiar positions as Essex hope to resume normal service after last year's collapse. Fletcher returns to the captaincy and Border to the middle order, but much depends on Lever's ageing limbs and on greater contributions from experienced players like Geoff Miller, John Childs and all-rounder Derek Pringle. Any team led by Fletcher is hard to discount but age could just be creeping up on the most successful side of the last decade.

Glamorgan

1987
Britannic Championship: 13th (up 4)
Refuge Assurance League: 14th (down 2)
Players in: Michael Cann, Paul Roebuck, Steven Watkin.
Player out: Simon Base.

No one would begrudge the county a cup to celebrate their centenary year and stranger things have happened. Huw Morris coped well with the captaincy last season and Maynard is a bright prospect. If Thomas finally fires, Glamorgan might too, and Ontong and Shastri, who will share the overseas duties with Van Zyl, are a good spin pairing but the attack still looks a little thin.

Gloucestershire

1987
Britannic Championship: 10th (down 8).
Refuge Assurance League: 3rd (up 14).
NatWest Trophy: semi-finalists
Benson and Hedges Cup: quarter-finalists.
Players in: Terry Alderman, Ian Butcher, Darren Chubbs, Kevin Jarvis, Malcolm Pooley, David Thomas.
Players out: Dean Burrows, Gary Sainsbury, Duncan Taylor, Keith Tomlins.

The county have been busy in the winter and, without Walsh, their attack will have a new look. Alderman and Jarvis are proven performers, Thomas less so, because of injury over the last three years. Butcher will add stability to the top order, but a lot still depends on the form and availability of Athey. Graveney promises to bowl himself more, shoulder allowing, and, given a good start, the county should be challenging on all fronts.

Hampshire

1987
Britannic Championship: 5th (up 1).
Refuge Assurance League: 7th (down 6).
Benson and Hedges Cup: quarter-finalists.
Players in: Ian Taylor, Shaun Udal.
Players out: Ian Chivers.

They look better prepared than in some years to cope with the loss of Marshall and Greenidge to the West Indies. Andrew promised much before his injury last year and Maru is an underrated spinner. Runs should not be a problem if the Smith brothers continue this season where they left off last. Still never reached a Lord's final. Might this be the year?

Kent

1987
Britannic Championship: 14th (down 6).
Refuge Assurance League: 6th (same).
Benson and Hedges Cup: semi-finalists.
Players in: Hartley Alleyne, Mark Harman.
Players out: Derek Aslett, Eldine Baptiste, Steve Goldsmith, Kevin Jarvis, Derek Underwood.

Life at Canterbury will feel strange without Derek Underwood and the loss of a few other faces make Kent an unknown quantity. The bowling combination of Alan Igglesden, the experienced Hartley Alleyne, and Richard Ellison, fit again after missing most of last season with a back injury, looks well balanced but it is asking alot of Richard Davis to fill Underwood's shoes just yet. Benson is consistent. Taylor and Hinks need to be more so.

Lancashire

1987
Britannic Championship: 2nd (up 13).
Refuge Assurance League: 9th (up 3).
Players in: Wasim Akram, Chris Matthews, Trevor Jesty, Peter Martin.
Players out: Ian Davidson, Steven O'Shaughnessy, David Varey, Mark Chadwick, Ken McLeod, Kevin Hayes, Soren Henriksen.

After a close season clear-out, Lancashire look even leaner and fitter than last season. Hughes worked wonders as captain and the addition of Akram and Jesty strengthens key areas. Simmons and Folley were the most successful spin pair in county cricket last season, Mendis and Fowler one of the best opening pairs. On form, should go one better in the Championship and will be anxious to improve in the one-day competitions.

Leicestershire

1987
Britannic Championship: 3rd (up 4).
Refuge Assurance League: 13th (up 2)
NatWest Trophy: semi-finalists.
Players in: Martin Gidley, Richard Edmunds.
Players out: Paddy Clift, Ian Butcher, Paul Gill, David Billington, Peter Bowler.

Grace Road will be a more relaxed place this summer with Gower replacing Willey as captain. The reliable Clift will be a loss in the one-day competitions, but Chris Lewis is a player to watch. One of the best seam attacks in the counties and hopefully off-spinner Such will be given more of a chance. Realistic contenders for the Championship.

Middlesex

1987
Britannic Championship: 16th (down 4).
Refuge Assurance League: 10th (down 1).
Players in: Alex Barnett, Paul Weekes.
Players out: Gary Brown, Phil Edmonds, Andy Miller, Clive Radley.

Rare that one can discount them in any competition, but with the Test players away, Daniel not the force he was and only Carr of the next generation showing county consistency, they might not be ready this year. The Frasers (Angus and Alastair), Rosebery and left-arm spinner Tufnell should get the chance to establish themselves as the rebuilding continues.

Northamptonshire

1987
Britannic Championship: 7th (up 2).
Refuge Assurance League: 11th (down 6).
NatWest Trophy: finalists.
Benson and Hedges Cup: finalists.
Players in: Curtley Ambrose, Dennis Lillee, Wayne Noon, Anthony Penberthy, Andy Roberts.
Players out: Tim Scriven, Graham Stevenson, Stuart Waterton.

So near, yet so far in three competitions last season, the county deserves something this year, no one more so than the long-serving captain, Cook. Lillee's arrival, as part player part coach, will give the side an added edge, despite the probable loss of Harper and Ambrose. Batting strength, as ever, makes them a real force in all one-day competitions, but the Championship could again be out of reach.

Nottinghamshire

1987
Britannic Championship: 1st (up 3).
Refuge Assurance League: 2nd (up 1).
NatWest Trophy: winners.
Players in: Franklyn Stephenson, Gregory Mike.
Players out: Clive Rice, Richard Hadlee.

Sides do not always fall apart just because their two best players go, but realistically the message from Trent Bridge this season is: be patient. More responsibility will fall on the shoulders of the younger players, Johnson, Pick and Newell. Stephenson has done well in the leagues, but is largely an unknown quantity at county level. An interesting season ahead.

Somerset

1987
Britannic Championship: 11th (up 5).
Refuge Assurance League: 4th (up 2).
Players in: Gareth Townsend.
Players out: Mark Harman, Mark Davis.

Survived last year without the Big Three and came close in the Sunday League. Supporters, though, will be expecting rather more this year. Roebuck and Crowe cannot be expected to score all the runs, as Felton, Hardy and Harden will be aware. Mallender and Jones took over 100 wickets between them, the reliable Marks 70 and, given a run of luck on the right days, Somerset could be back at Lord's this summer.

Surrey

1987
Britannic Championship: 4th (up 1).
Refuge Assurance League: 8th (up 4).
Benson and Hedges Cup: semi-finalists.
Players in: Mark Frost, Graham Thorpe, Alastair Brown.
Players out: Trevor Jesty, Nick Falkner, David Thomas.

But for disastrous weeks in mid-season, Surrey could have been champions for the last two years. Martin Bicknell made huge strides last season and his brother Darren, a left-handed opener, will get his chance too. Short on spin, long on aggression under the captaincy of Ian Greig and lively all-round contenders provided the Clarke/Gray combination is left untouched by the West Indies selectors.

Sussex

1987
Britannic Championship: 17th (down 3).
Refuge Assurance League: 15th (down 11).
Players in: Rodney Bunting, Andy Clarke, Keith Greenfield, Meynck Pringle, Nick Falkner, James Hall.
Players out: Garth le Roux, Simon Miles, Courtney Ricketts, Ian Waring (now assistant coach), Dermot Reeve.

The new captaincy/manager pairing of Paul Parker and John Jameson have much to do before Sussex are realistic challengers again. Imran will be available for one-day games and selected Championship matches but without him and Reeve, the attack looks very thin. Bunting is a medium-pacer from Norfolk, Pringle a South African all-rounder. Parker can do no worse than last year, but realistically Sussex might not do much better either.

Warwickshire

1987
Britannic Championship: 15th (down 3).
Refuge Assurance League: 17th (down 8).
NatWest Trophy: quarter-finalists.
Players in: Robert Earl, Dean Hodgson, Jason Ratcliffe, Dermot Reeve.
Players out: Dennis Amiss, Dean Hoffman, Tom Stancombe, Philip Threlfall.

Amiss's departure ends an era at Edgbaston but Lloyd's captaincy could usher in a new, more successful one. Kallicharran, registration problems sorted out, is back to replace Amiss. Runs have seldom been a problem, but, given luck with injuries, the attack looks well balanced. Merrick and Donald will share the fast bowling duties again with Small, who is fit and raring to regain his England place, and with Reeve an energetic addition, the county should mount their best challenge for honours for some seasons.

Worcestershire

1987
Britannic Championship: 9th (up 1).
Refuge Assurance League: champions (up 15).
Benson and Hedges Cup: quarter-finalists.
Players in: Steve O'Shaughnessy.
Players out: Lawrence Smith.

With their batting, likely to win any of the one-day competitions, with their bowling unlikely to win the Championship. That summary proved correct last season and there is no reason why it should be any different this. The county must hope that O'Shaughnessy will blossom in the same way as Radford after moving from Lancashire. Good bets for the Sunday League and a one-day final, particularly if the modern day Hannibal is ignored by England.

Yorkshire

1987
Britannic Championship: 8th (up 1).
Refuge Assurance League: 13th (down 5).
Benson and Hedges Cup: winners.
NatWest Trophy: quarter-finalists.
Players in: Neil Nicholson.
Players out: none.

Though the top order of Moxon, Metcalfe and Blakey is one of the strongest in the country, the attack looks one of the weakest, especially if Jarvis is required by England. They showed last season what can be done in one-day competitions by bowling straight and fielding brilliantly and with Carrick in charge they will not want for guile. Realistically, limited overs cricket should again bring them their best chance of honours.

FIVE PLAYERS TO WATCH THIS SEASON



Quick off the mark: At 24 years of age Jack Russell is ready for blooding in a Test

Jack Russell (Gloucestershire)

It will be surprising if the new season passes without Jack Russell, of Gloucestershire, winning the first of what could be many Test caps. His main obstacle may be the conservatism of the selectors, as well as of senior England players when asked for an opinion. The decision to treat him as a drinks-waiter in Pakistan last winter got no one anywhere.

The best wicketkeepers are born not made, and a sense of timing is priceless. I recall Keith Fletcher saying that Bob Taylor's was so good that the ball seemed to make no sound as it entered his gloves. Another way of putting it is to say that so-and-so has a "good pair of hands". What, in fact, he has is a natural sense of timing.

At 24 years old, "Jack" Russell is just the age for blooding. To become England's regular wicketkeeper at 21 years of age, as Alan Knott did, it is necessary to be a bit of a freak. Godfrey Evans, who was aged 25 when he began, held the living for 13 years. Knott had it for 10 before going off to perform for Packer. Taylor then took over for six. Like Russell, they were all trim of figure, quick on their feet and neat with the gloves. Tall wicketkeepers are few and far between. It helps to be "near the ground".

In his first first-class match, Gloucestershire against Sri Lanka, Russell caught seven batsmen and stumped one, a record, hardly surprisingly, for a cricketer making his debut. He was only 17 years of age at the time, but within a year or two he was being picked out as the best wicketkeeping prospect in the country.

Batting ability has turned the scales countless times with England's selectors. Now that Russell is moving up the Gloucestershire order (798 runs at an average of 27.51 in 1987 were much his best figures so far) his credentials will be that much stronger when, with Bruce French, the present incumbent, and Jack Richards, he has his name on the selectors' table next month.

John Woodock



Paul Farbrace (Kent)

In Paul Fabrace, Kent may have found a wicketkeeper worthy of following several illustrious names. As much as anything, this assessment is based on how he coped with the variation of Derek Underwood in his first five matches last season; and it is made by some of the best judges in the county.

Born a man of Kent 20 years ago, Farbrace is of similar build to Alan Knott, and as nimble and pernickety – at any rate on the field.

His debut last season was against the Pakistanis and he marked it, as Knott did his Test debut against that country, with an outstanding performance.

It is unfair and unrealistic to compare Farbrace further with Knott, who was a genius and who became a Test cricketer early. At present Farbrace is a better wicketkeeper standing up than back and is prone to applaud the bowler too often for his own good. Yet enthusiasm, relaxed handling – which impressed Knott last year – and ability with the bat are the right credentials.

No one was more pleased than Underwood when, against Yorkshire last July, they added 77 for the last wicket, Farbrace made an undefeated 75, his best score to date, and almost ran his considerably senior partner off his feet. His batting, correct and watchful in defence, can only improve.

Farbrace will begin this summer in Kent's second XI: ahead of him in years and as a capped player, is Steven Marsh, who acquitted himself particularly well when he succeeded Knott in 1986.

This season Marsh will need to be on his mettle, especially if Farbrace continues to progress as he has in the last two years.

Ivo Tennant



Robin Smith (Hampshire)

One of the hardest strikers of the ball in English cricket is Robin Smith, the younger of Hampshire's two South African-born brothers.

In style, technique and temperament, Smith appears to have everything needed in a Test player and it is surprising that England have not already blooded him on a tour.

Smith and Robert Bailey, of Northamptonshire, were considered the two best young batsmen in Australia last winter, when they scored runs galore in Perth club cricket. Several Australian critics said that their own country had nobody as promising as either man.

Both Smith brothers, like Tony Greig and Allan Lamb, before them, have had to overcome the unspoken prejudice felt in some circles about South Africans qualifying for Test cricket by the back door.

Cricket's regulations are perfectly clear on the subject and the Smiths' dedication, hard work and pleasant characters have helped to smooth their path.

Chris Smith, who first played for England in 1983, maintained from the start that in the long term his brother Robin would prove the better player.

Robin is enormously strong and makes runs with equal facility against both pace and spin. He is at his best when Hampshire are facing a target.

An undefeated 140 against Derbyshire at Basingstoke which finished in a welter of sixes sticks in the memory.

Alan Lee



Matthew Maynard (Glamorgan)

Devotees of Welsh cricket have had little to cheer them in recent years. Matthew Maynard may be about to change all that. It is many a long, barren day since Glamorgan produced a batsman of such flair and it is far from over-fanciful to predict that, should one or two established names fail, Maynard will be pitched in against the West Indies this summer.

He was 22 years old only last month, which makes his dramatic emergence all the more startling. We are a cricketing nation of late developers and it is rare for talent to blossom quite so young. The exception is a welcome delight.

Moreover, Maynard has already overcome the fraught "second season" in which batsmen of promise are so often cut down to size by bowlers who have taken time to assess their weaknesses. Having scored 1000 runs in his first full season with Glamorgan, he improved beyond recognition in his second, amassing 1508 first-class runs and earning promotion from No. 7 in the order to No. 4.

It is not so much the weight of runs which impresses about Maynard but his manner of scoring them. He is an adventurer, eager to take on the bowling virtually from the outset and wonderfully well equipped to do so. There are those who will say he remains too impetuous to succeed against the best bowling, and yet his progress is relentless – and he is still eager to learn.

Maynard was born in Oldham, Lancashire, and might have joined Kent. He scored a century on his debut against Yorkshire at Swansea in 1985 and last year, against the same opposition, he made the fastest half-century in Glamorgan's history.

He is capped now. He has also been given notice of the selectors' interest in him by playing for MCC against the champion county this week. If he continues to develop at his current pace, there are few boundaries to his potential achievement and, most appealing of all, he will entertain us richly on the way.

Alan Lee



Richard Blakey (Yorkshire)

When he made his debut for Yorkshire at the age of 18 three years ago, Richard Blakey showed almost immediately that he had the technique and temperament to survive at the first-class level. Last year, as the statistics prove, he did rather more.

He topped Yorkshire's Championship averages, scoring 1,343 runs at an average of 43.32 and becoming the youngest Yorkshireman since Len Hutton to score 1,000 runs in a season. His four centuries included one against Lancashire at Old Trafford and an unbeaten double century against Leicestershire at Scarborough.

By the end of the season he had been awarded his county cap, voted the Young Cricketer of the Year by the Cricket Writers Club and, because he is a useful second-string wicketkeeper, was even considered an outside bet for an England tour. And all that in his first full season of county cricket.

Though he batted at number three for most of the season, he effectively filled Geoff Boycott's shoes and there are those who liken the two in temperament if not in style, and plenty more who reckon that he is potentially better than either Metcalfe or Moxon. Born of good Huddersfield stock, the compact right-hander will not let such comparisons go to his head. So far, his career has progressed smoothly from Rastrick Grammar School through a Young England tour of the West Indies and into county cricket. In only his third first-class match, he scored 90, sharing a partnership of 223 with Moxon.

But he will know that many promising careers have been halted in their second full seasons. Having wintered profitably in Australia, there is no reason why his should be one, and the only problem on the horizon seems to be whether the county will want him to succeed David Bairstow as the latest Yorkshire wicketkeeper batsman. If he picks up where he left off last season, his runs might prove too valuable to risk.

Andrew Longmore

1987 PLACINGS AND THIS SEASON'S MAJOR DATES AND PRIZES

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Notts (4)	24	9	1	14	68	80	292
Lancashire (15)	24	10	4	10	55	73	288
Leics (7)	24	8	3	13	57	75	260
Surrey (3)	24	7	4	13	65	73	250
Hampshire (6)	24	7	3	14	59	73	244
Derbyshire (11)	24	5	5	12	51	70	225
Northants (9)	24	7	4	13	48	68	224
Yorkshire (9)	24	7	3	14	52	58	222
Worcs (10)	24	5	4	15	58	68	206
Glos (2)	24	5	8	10	62	50	200
Somerset (16)	24	2	3	19	61	70	163
Essex (1)	24	2	4	18	45	77	162
Glamorgan (17)	24	3	9	12	40	70	158
Kent (8)	24	2	7	15	53	66	151
Warwicks (12)	24	2	7	15	48	67	147
Middlesex (12)	24	2	8	14	47	60	139
Sussex (14)	24	1	8	15	47	56	119

1986 positions in brackets

● *Essex's record includes eight points for drawn match in which the scores finished level. Northamptonshire's record includes 12 points for win in one innings match.*

CORNHILL TEST MATCHES
ENGLAND v WEST INDIES: Winners of each Test: £6,500. Player of the match: £500. Player of the series (each side): £750.
Dates: June 2-7 (at Trent Bridge); June 16-21 (at Lord's); June 30-July 5 (at Old Trafford); July 21-26 (at Headingley); August 4-9 (at the Oval).
ENGLAND v SRI LANKA: Winners: £6,500. Player of the match (each side): £500.
Date: August 25-30 (at Lord's).

TEXACO TROPHY
Winners of each match: £4,000. Man of the match: £350. Man of the series (each side): £500.
Dates: ENGLAND v WEST INDIES: May 19 (at Edgbaston); May 21 (at Headingley); May 23 (at Lord's). ENGLAND v SRI LANKA: September 4 (at the Oval).

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Winners: £35,000; **Runners-up:** £17,500; **Third place:** £10,000; **Fourth place:** £5,000; **Fifth place:** £2,500. **Each match won:** £210.

REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Winners: £21,000; **Runners-up:** £10,500; **Third place:** £4,750; **Fourth place:** 2,750. **Each match won:** £275. **Most sixes hit:** £400. **Most four wickets taken:** £400.

REFUGE ASSURANCE CUP
Winners: £5,000; **Runners-up:** £2,500: **Losing semi-finalists:** £1,250.
Dates: Semi-finals: September 7. Final: September 18 (at Edgbaston).

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Winners: £21,000; **Runners-up:** £10,500; **Losing semi-finalists:** £5,500; **Losing quarter-finalists:** £2,500. **Winners of zonal matches:** £725. **Gold awards: Zonal:** £125; **Quarter-finals:** £200; **Semi-finals:** £275; **Final:** £550.
Dates: **Semi-finals:** June 8. **Final:** July 9 (at Lord's).

NATWEST TROPHY
Winners: £21,000; **Runners-up:** £10,500; **Losing semi-finalists:** £5,000; **Losing quarter-finalists:** £2,500. **Man of the match: First round:** £100; **Second round:** £125; **Quarter-finals:** £200; **Semi-finals:** £275; **Final:** £550.
Dates: **Semi-finals:** August 10. **Final:** September 3 (at Lord's).

BETTING
CITY INDEX: Britannic Assurance County Championship: 4-1 Essex; 8-1 Middlesex, Northamptonshire, Gloucestershire; 10-1 Worcestershire, Lancashire, Yorkshire. **Refuge Assurance League:** 7-1 Essex, Northamptonshire, Worcestershire; 8-1 Middlesex; 10-1 Kent, Yorkshire. **Benson and Hedges Cup:** 7-1 Essex, Middlesex, Northamptonshire, Worcestershire. **NatWest Trophy:** 7-1 Essex, Middlesex, Northamptonshire, Worcestershire.
CORALS: Britannic Assurance County Championship: 9-2 Essex; 10-1 Gloucestershire, Middlesex, Nottinghamshire, Surrey, Worcestershire. **Refuge Assurance League:** 6-1 Worcestershire; 7-1 Essex; 10-1 Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Yorkshire; 12-1 Hampshire, Kent, Middlesex, **Benson and Hedges Cup:** 6-1 Essex; 7-1 Worcestershire; 8-1 Middlesex; 10-1 Hampshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Yorkshire.
NatWest Trophy: 6-1 Essex, Worcestershire; 7-1 Middlesex; 10-1 Hampshire, Nottinghamshire. 12-1 Northamptonshire, Yorkshire.

REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Worcs (16)	16	11	4	0	1	46
Notts (3)	16	9	3	0	4	44
Glos (17)	16	9	4	1	2	42
Somerset (6)	16	8	4	0	4	40
Derbyshire (9)	16	8	4	1	3	40
Kent (6)	16	8	5	0	3	38
Hampshire (1)	16	6	6	2	2	32
Surrey (12)	16	6	6	0	4	32
Lancs (12)	16	5	6	0	5	30
Middlesex (9)	16	5	7	0	4	28
Northants (5)	16	4	6	0	6	28
Yorkshire (6)	16	5	8	0	3	26
Leics (15)	16	3	6	0	7	26
Glamorgan (12)	16	5	9	0	2	24
Sussex (4)	16	4	8	0	4	24
Essex (2)	16	4	8	0	4	24
Warwicks (9)	16	3	9	0	4	20

1986 positions in brackets

● *Where points equal, positions calculated on (a) most wins, (b) most away wins, (c) run rate.*

Jeffries registration is held up

Steve Jefferies, Hampshire's South African fast bowler, could be forced to postpone his debut for the county tomorrow because the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) have refused to accept his registration (Andrew Longmore writes).

Under the TCCB's registration policy, counties can register only two non-qualified players at one time and Hampshire already have Gordon Greenidge and Malcolm Marshall registered, until the West Indies touring team is picked and one of them is de-registered.

The Hampshire secretary, Tony Baker, is to make a last-minute appeal for special dispensation for Jefferies to play against Surrey at Southampton.

"He is our only overseas player playing a full season this year and the whole thing seems a nonsense," Baker said yesterday. "Naturally, as it so close to the first match of the year we are very concerned about it. We would like him to play."

Jefferies, 28, was a late replacement for the injured Bruce Reid. Hampshire's original choice as overseas player. The current registration laws, are currently being examined by a TCCB working party.

● Alvin Kallicharran, the former West Indies captain, will resume his Warwickshire career against Cambridge University at Fenner's today. The 39-year-old left-hander missed all of last season because of a dispute about his registration but was reclassified as an English qualified player during the winter.

● Kent's 28-year-old England all-rounder, Richard Ellison, who did not play any first-class cricket last summer because of back trouble, will miss the start of the new season, against Essex at Chelmsford, because of a knee injury.

● Surrey have sponsorship amounting to £100,000 this season, including £40,000 from Austin Reed. Sir Michael Sandberg is the club's new president in succession to Alec Bedser. Colin Cowdrey, Ian Scott-Browne, a former secretary of the club and John Woodcock, former Cricket Correspondent of *The Times*, have been elected honorary life members.

Asia Cup date

Lahore (Reuter) – The third Asia Cup cricket tournament will be played in Bangladesh from October 27 to November 6, Asian Cricket Conference officials have said. Bangladesh had postponed the event in February because of political unrest in the country.

Clawson transfer

Neil Clawson, the Oldham Rugby League club prop who has made 26 appearances for the second division champions this season, has submitted a written transfer request after losing his senior place following injury.

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FOOTBALL: LIVERPOOL CAN CLINCH THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP BY WINNING TONIGHT AT CARROW ROAD

Norwich seek to enter party spirit

By Louise Taylor

Carrow Road is likely to be enveloped in Scouse euphoria tonight if Liverpool, as expected, gain formal custody of the League championship by beating Norwich City.

The East Anglians are practised party hosts — Everton secured the championship last year, thanks to a win in Norfolk — but David Stringer, the Norwich manager, hopes to reverse the trend.

He is a disciple of the Anfield approach. "My ambition is to build Norwich into a First Division force and Liverpool have to be our yardstick. I'd like to think that one day we will be run on similar lines and will set similar standards," he said.

An above-average stadium, improved by a new stand in 1986, would prove more than adequate accoutrements to success on the pitch. But as yet the team fails to match the facilities.

After achieving their best League position by finishing fifth in the first division last season, Norwich made a disappointing start to the present campaign, which led to the acrimonious sacking of their long-serving manager, Ken Brown, in November.

Stringer stepped up from coach: "There's always an element of difficulty involved for anyone who takes over a managerial job, even in the best of circumstances. But it was even harder for me because Ken had been here so long and we were in such a sad position.

"And while I feel I've put the boat on an even keel I won't believe we're out of the wood until it's mathematically impossible for us to be relegated."

Norwich are fourteenth in the table and relegation now appears improbable, but Stringer, who but for a one-season sojourn at Cambridge, has served his home town club continuously since 1963, is anxious to eliminate the faintest whiff of danger at the end of his first season in management.

After 499 first-team appearances, a second division championship winner's medal and appearances in two League Cup finals, followed by a step on every rung of the coaching ladder, Stringer's elevation was in the best Anfield tradition.

For Stringer, aged 43, managing Norwich is more a crusade than a career move. "I dream about the British public identifying with Norfolk as a first division neighbourhood."

He hopes to devote the next decade to realizing the vision. "We reached the first division for the first time in 1972, so we are a relatively young club, but we have the potential to go places."

Norwich have embarked on their journey by forging strong links with the local community. During the Easter holidays club officials saw local school teams play 1,000 matches in a competition organized by the club, with the intention of fostering goodwill and discovering talent. Stringer regards it as "all part of a quiet revolution."

Norwich are one of only three teams to have shared the points with Liverpool at Anfield in the League this season, drawing 0-0 in November shortly after Stringer's appointment.

Meanwhile David Williams, the player-coach, is anxious to avoid a repeat of last year's reverse at the hands of Everton. He explained: "After the match all we felt was anticlimax. So while there's always an incentive to beat Liverpool, the hope of preventing them from winning the title on our ground will add a bit of spice."



Pursuing a vision: Stringer hopes to follow Liverpool's example. (Photograph: Alan Howard)

Barnes ruled out by injury

John Barnes will be absent tonight as Liverpool attempt to underline an almost embarrassing season-long supremacy over their rivals by beating Norwich City at Carrow Road tonight (Ian Ross writes).

Barnes, the Professional Footballers' Association Player Of The Year, will miss his first senior game since a £900,000 transfer from Watford last summer after failing to recover from a groin strain sustained during the weekend Football League Centenary Festival at Wembley.

With the FA Cup Final against Wimbledon now less than three weeks away, the Liverpool manager, Kenny Dalglish, has ordered Barnes to remain at home and rest his injury.

Real find unlikely inspiration

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Ronald Koeman has talked his way out of the European Cup. For uttering the provocative comments that were published before the first leg of the semi-final against Real Madrid a fortnight ago, PSV Eindhoven's international sweeper has been suspended by UEFA for three matches.

In praising the illegitimate action of one of his colleagues, who deliberately removed Tigana, of Bordeaux, from the quarter-final, he has also endangered his own club's chances of winning the trophy. Having drawn 1-1 in Madrid, they were considered favourites. Real required a touch of inspiration — and Koeman has unwittingly offered it.

An audience of a mere 27,000 will watch the tie in Eindhoven. A crowd of 100,000 will gather in the Stadium of Light where Antonio Jose Oliveira is expecting "a game to reawaken the Benfica of 20 years ago".

Benfica, held Steaua Bucharest, the conquerors of Glasgow Rangers, to a goalless draw in the first leg. Although the Romanians can call on Ungureanu, a full back returning from suspension, the Portuguese should reach the final in Stuttgart on May 25.

Ajax, sitting on a comfortable three-goal cushion against Olympique Marseilles, are within reach of the Cup Winners' Cup for the second successive year. Atalanta, who qualified only as the runners-up to Napoli in their domestic competition, need the narrowest of wins to join them.

Werder Bremen, probable champions of the Bundesliga, are expected to triumph over Bayer Leverkusen in the Uefa Cup.

Evans rumours are denied

By Clive White

Despite repeated claims that he intends to resign as chairman of Luton Town, David Evans is not expected to carry out his threat this summer, according to a source close to the club.

Despite newspaper reports yesterday implying that his threatened resignation was due to the treatment he had received from fellow chairmen and directors, Evans said that it had long been his intention to resign this summer after three and a half years in the position and that he had "enjoyed every minute of it", so much so that he would like to be given another chance at a later date.

It was not true, he said, that all clubs had treated Luton badly, just most of them. Contrary to popular belief, he said that Luton shared a particularly close friendship with Liverpool, whose manager, Kenny Dalglish, has frequently criticised Luton's artificial pitch.

But yesterday Evans, who is MP for Welling-Hatfield, repeated his desire to stand down at Kenilworth Road. "Every single chairman in the history of Luton Football Club has walked out or been chucked out," he said. "I really think I've done my bit. And though I never wanted to be chairman in the first place, that's not to say I wouldn't like to have another shot at it because I would. I just feel it's time for a change."

Luton were on the verge of bankruptcy and second from bottom of the first division when he took over in November 1984. Last season they achieved the best League position in their history — seventh place — and on Sunday at Wembley they could qualify for Europe if they defeat Arsenal in the Littlewoods Cup Final, their first major final in 29 years.

Yet Evans will be remembered more for his stand against hooliganism and the contentious members-only scheme which he introduced to combat it, and for the much maligned synthetic pitch which he had laid at Kenilworth Road.

He expects the membership scheme to continue next season and he believes that despite the three-year moratorium on plastic pitches, Luton will continue to play on one for the foreseeable future. "There's a pitch being developed in West Germany that I believe will satisfy everybody," he said.

Graham requests personal hearing

George Graham, the Arsenal manager, has requested a personal hearing after being charged by the Football Association with bringing the game into disrepute. Graham, currently in Spain with his squad preparing for Sunday's Littlewoods Cup final against Luton, was reported by the Bury St Edmunds referee, Kelvin Morton, following an incident at Oxford on March 30.

● England's first-choice under-21 players are back in harness for the Uefa championship semi-final second leg against France at Highbury next Wednesday. Club calls and injuries forced England to field an understrength team in the first leg, which they lost 4-2. The return of Nigel Clough, Des Walker, David Rocastle, Paul Davis and Paul Gascoigne gives England a chance of retrieving the deficit.

SQUAD: P Suckling (Crystal Palace), K Pressman (Sheffield Wed), M Thomas (Arsenal), A Dorigo (Chelsea), G Cooper (Middlesbrough), D Walker (Nottingham Forest), C Fairclough (Tottenham), M Keown (Aston Villa), D Rocastle (Arsenal), P Gascoigne (Newcastle), P Davis (Arsenal), F Carr (Nottingham Forest), N Clough (Nottingham Forest) D Lowe (Ipswich), G Porter (Watford), S Sellars (Blackburn).

● Nottingham Forest, who are seeking to finish as runners-up to Liverpool, will complete the season with two games against Luton in 48 hours. Due to Luton's cup commitments, the League matches have been rearranged for Kenilworth Road on Friday, May 13 and the City Ground on Sunday, May 15

● Doncaster Rovers, following their weekend defeat at Blackpool, are to be given a civic reception at the end of the season. The reception is to honour the club's giant-killing junior team which reached the FA Youth Cup Final, beating Sheffield Wednesday, Manchester City and Tottenham on the way. The Rovers' youngsters meet Arsenal or Nottingham Forest in the two-leg final later this season.

● Ian Atkins, loaned to Birmingham for the last month, is to return to Ipswich this week. The clubs agreed a fee, but Atkins has not reached an agreement on his personal terms.

● West Ham may be forced to play their last four matches of the season without Ray Stewart and Stewart Robson. Stewart has an injured ankle, and Robson needs surgery to a broken nose.

Walker still doubtful

Des Walker, who missed Nottingham Forest's triumph in the Mercantile Credit Festival at Wembley last week, remains doubtful for tonight's first division home match against West Ham United.

The England under-21 international central defender still requires treatment on the ankle injury he aggravated in the 5-0 defeat at Liverpool a week ago.

If Walker is ruled out Forest look likely to stick with the defensive formation they had at Wembley, with Gary Fleming at full back and Steve Chettle switched to a central defensive role.

Brian Clough, the manager, said: "I suppose after we won at Wembley the lads will probably set up a petition asking me to stay at home. But its now a question of whether we have got over our shell-shock from Anfield. What we did at Wembley shows the recovery has started."

"There will be a place in Europe up for grabs if English clubs are allowed back, as I believe they will be, and we want to be part of it," Clough added.

A field day ahead for mathematicians

By George Ace

Coleraine crashed to their second league defeat within three days when going down 2-1 to Ballymena United. And for their player-manager, Jim Platt, the former Middlesbrough and Northern Ireland goalkeeper, a season of rich promise has virtually disintegrated.

Coleraine play their final league match on Saturday against Glentoran at the Show Grounds. And while it is a game that keeps the Irish League championship in the melting pot until the result is known, as does the outcome of the Windsor Park encounter between Linfield and Ballymena United, it offers no more to Platt's men than a slender thread of hope that they may yet qualify for Europe next season.

The situation is this: if Coleraine defeat Glentoran and Linfield account for Ballymena United, Linfield will win the league title for a record seventh time in succession; and if Glentoran defeat Glenavon in the Irish Cup final on April 30, Coleraine will clinch the third place in Europe by finishing third in the league.

Glentoran's hopes of a league and cup double are still alive, but they must defeat Coleraine on Saturday to win the league. A draw would give Linfield the title because of superior goal difference and a Glenavon victory in the cup would leave Coleraine, so far as Europe is concerned, out in the cold with Glentoran winning the third place as league runners-up — a situation just a week ago that looked virtually impossible.

● Mike Trusson, Brighton's experienced mid-field player, who has bee out for a month with a knee injury, is to see a specialist today and may need an operation.

Two countries see violence as very serious

Berne (AP) — Football authorities in many European countries have taken measures against crowd violence but only the Spanish and Dutch see it as a very serious, wide-ranging problem, a UEFA survey reveals.

The most frequently reported incidents are objects thrown on to the field. Next come rockets, smoke bombs or similar devices and fighting in the stands. These disturbances tend to occur at top games. No type of incident is limited to a particular region.

Twenty-two associations in Eastern and Western Europe answered about 20 questions on crowd disturbances, sent out by European football's governing body last September.

The Netherlands and Spain consider crowd disturbances "a problem to be taken very seriously" in championship and international games. A dozen other associations say the danger should not be underestimated.

Wheel of fortune

Boston (AP) — Moussetapha Badid, of France, won the wheelchair division of the Boston Marathon on Monday in a world record time of 1:43:19. Badid, aged 23, of Portoise, France, took six seconds off the record set by Andre Viger, of Canada, in this race two years ago. He won $24,500

SNOW REPORTS

SCOTLAND: Cairngorms: upper and middle runs, runs complete, spring snow; lower slopes, limited nursery pistes, spring snow; vertical runs, 1,200ft; hill and main roads, clear; snow level, 2,400ft. Forecast for today: sunny periods, and although dry at first, scattered showers will develop from late morning, with the odd hawser one during the afternoon; continuing warm with the freezing level well above the summits; winds generally light to moderate southerlies. Outlook for tomorrow: mainly dry and bright at first, but cloud thickening and some rain edging in from the north later in the day; continuing rather warm with fairly light winds.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

Thorburn sets his mind on Stevens

By Steve Acteson

Cliff Thorburn is taking few chances of being distracted from his main purpose tonight — a first round meeting with his fellow Canadian Kirk Stevens in the Embassy World Championship at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield.

Thorburn will have a minder to try and deflect the certain publicity following his failure to pass a drugs test at the British Open on February 22.

He said yesterday: "Sure, the issue has been on my mind, but not when I'm playing snooker. I feel great then."

Steve Longworth, a qualifier from Blackburn, suffered severe stage fright against Terry Griffiths, and the Welshman yesterday needed only 36 minutes to take the two frames he needed to complete a 10-1 rout and reach the last 16.

Joe Johnson, the 1986 champion and last year's runner-up, reached the second round by beating another Welshman, Cliff Wilson, 10-7.

FIRST ROUND (Tuesday): J Johnson (Eng) bt C Wilson (Wales), 10-7. Frame scores (Johnson first): 55-79, 88-55, 51-77, 82-33, 73-28, 69-60, 20-96, 54-63, 47-78, 43-63, 103-8, 59-80, 67-32, 79-9, 0-79, 71-56, 83-35. T Griffiths (Wales) bt S Longworth (Eng), 10-1. Frame scores (Griffiths first): 65-9, 18-74, 65-52, 75-9, 59-54, 67-0, 60-41, 56-47, 65-60, 83-1, 73-55. W Thorne (Eng) leads P Francisco (SA), 5-4. Frame scores (Thorne first): 91-18, 43-82, 85-51, 54-82, 0-101, 72-23, 0-74, 82-13, 62-39. (Wednesday): D Taylor (N Ire) bt W Werbeniuk (Can), 10-8. Frame scores (Taylor first): 83-8, 42-68, 29-82, 67-55, 64-57, 92-1, 0-76, 34-88, 33-66, 85-19, 62-58, 48-83, 29-80, 53-52, 66-59, 23-86, 82-24, 60-33. A Knowles (Eng) bt D Fowler (Eng), 10-8. Frame scores (Knowles first): 45-63, 73-66, 33-78, 71-8, 111-23, 59-32, 68-5, 50-39, 22-73, 54-23, 48-61, 31-71, 72-33, 25-60, 32-88, 70-40, 56-66, 73-24.

Today's order of play: 10.30 a.m: R Williams (Eng) v S James (Eng) — to finish; D Mountjoy (Wales) v B West (Eng) — first session; 3.00 p.m: J Parrott (Eng) v W King (Aus) — to finish; N Foulds (Eng) v W Jones (Wales) — first session; 7.30 p.m: C Thorburn (Can) v K Stevens (Can) — first session; Mountjoy v West — to finish.

● The World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association yesterday countered Bill Werbeniuk of Canada's threat to take them to court over the Beta blocker issue by stating they had offered to pay his costs to find an alternative to his present drug, Inderal.

CRICKET

Oxford become an embarrassment to first-class status

By John Woodcock

THE PARKS: Leicestershire beat Oxford University by an innings and 153 runs.

Although they batted on for much longer than they needed, for the purpose of practice, Leicestershire still overwhelmed Oxford in the Parks yesterday, bowling them out in their second innings for 68, still with an hour to spare. Leicestershire were being captained for the day by Briers, Gower having gone to Lord's for the annual meeting of county captains.

I hate to have to say it, after all that Oxford and Cambridge cricket has meant to so many people and to the cricket world in general, but their first-class status is now nothing less than an anachronism. It has become an embarrassment, as much to the county players, because the runs and wickets which they enter into their records are of such dubious value, as to the university sides, who are so hopelessly out of their depth.

It is not as though there is any real chance of the university authorities coming to the rescue by looking to let in the occasional all-rounder (not necessarily of the cricketing kind) to leaven the entry. It might just be worth holding on if there were. As it is, 14 years and 108 matches since Oxford last beat a county, and they did so then, against Northamptonshire, only because of Imran Khan (170 in the first innings and seven wickets in the match). The side that has just lost to Leicestershire, hard as they try, were barely of a decent club standard.

Of the best Oxbridge cricketers of the past, very few, I imagine, would have got up today, for purely academic reasons. They made, of course, a civilizing and invaluable contribution to university life. But theirs was another, more leisurely world, and one which is no more likely to return to Fenner's and the Parks than anywhere else.

In the hope that it might make Oxford and Cambridge feel a little less uncomfortable when they get bowled out for double figures this season, let me say that between May 1935 and the start of the 1939-45 war, Northamptonshire won only one of their 119 championship matches. Now they are among the best sides in the country, their players being in the happy position of having no exams to pass.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings 98 (P A J DeFreitas 4 for 15; C C Lewis 4 for 48).

Second Innings

D A Hagan lbw b DeFreitas	18
G D Reynolds c Whitticase b Lewis	13
M J Kilborn c Whitticase b Lewis	8
I M Henderson c sub b Lewis	0
A N S Hampton c DeFreitas b Lewis	7
S D Weale c and b Lewis	12
R E Morris c Whitaker b Such	1
P G Edwards c Boon b Lewis	1
J D Nuttall not out	2
S R Sygrove b Such	1
N H Green absent hurt	0
Extras (b 1, lb 2, nb 2)	5
Total	68

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-33, 3-33, 4-47, 5-50, 6-62, 7-64, 8-67, 9-68.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 8-4-18-1; Taylor 9-5-16-0; Lewis 13-5-22-6; Such 8.5-2-9-2.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T J Boon c Green b Sygrove	43
N E Briers c Reynolds b Sygrove	80
*D I Gower b Sygrove	26
P Willey c Kilborn b Edwards	8
J J Whitaker c Nuttall b Edwards	53
L Potter not out	54
P A J DeFreitas c Kilborn b Weale	0
C C Lewis not out	36
Extras (b 3, lb 6, nb 10)	19
Total (6 wkts dec)	319

†P Whitticase, P M Such and L B Taylor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-83, 2-126, 3-139, 4-205, 5-244, 6-244.

BOWLING: Henderson 7-0-35-0; Nuttall 13-1-70-0; Sygrove 23-4-91-3; Edwards 31-7-74-2; Weale 15-5-40-1.

Umpires: J D Bond and N T Plews.

HOCKEY

League sponsors spend £300,000

By Sidney Friskin

Poundstretcher, the leisure wing of British Airways, are to sponsor the National League which starts on October 15 in two divisions. The sponsors have committed £300,000 over the next three years to the running of the League which they hope will increase the United Kingdom's standing in world hockey.

There will be 16 teams in each division and the winners of the first division will qualify for the European Cup. In addition, the top four clubs in the first division will play off for the Poundstretcher League Cup at the end of the season the final of which will be shown on BBC's Grandstand early in April 1989.

The winners of the Hockey Association Cup for which the 32 teams playing in the League qualify automatically, will play in the European Cup Winners' Cup a new event to be started next year.

All players taking part in the National League will have to be registered at least 14 days before the first game of any season but transfers within a specified time will be allowed.

In consequence of the sponsorship, there will be a reduction in the sum of £400 which each club was originally asked to pay to defray, among other things, the cost of the umpires travel expenses. A proportion of the sponsorship money will, however, be passed back to the clubs to cover their own travel expenses and overnight stay.

The event, with full promotion and relegation, will be known as the Poundstretcher National League and will be scheduled mainly for Saturdays with some Sunday commitments and will be played mainly on artificial turf pitches.

Special awards for the highest scorer, the player of the season and four prizes for the player of the month provide added incentives at an exciting time for hockey in the United Kingdom.

The management of the League will be under the control of the Hockey Association competitions committee who will appoint a League management committee. In addition there will be a part-time paid administrator, based at the Hockey Association Office, to oversee the general running of the League and its publicity.

BOWLS

Allcock takes his first British title

Tony Allcock won his first British title at Hartlepool yesterday, demonstrating once again his rich repertoire of shots against John Price, the Welsh champion who has yet to win a major international singles event (David Rhys Jones writes).

At the top level, success in singles depends on the ability to get out of trouble. Allcock and Price showed this quality in abundance, though Hartlepool's notorious rink five had them both confused at times.

Allcock, for instance, essayed a long jack on the ninth end and unaccountably played four short bowls, allowing Price to take the lead, 10-7, with a rare full house. On the next end, however, Allcock, two down, rapped a plant and bundled his own bowl in for shot.

RESULTS: Singles: Final: A Allcock (Engl bt J Price (Wales), 21-16. Under-25s final: D Ramsdale (Eng) bt A Harrison (Ire), 21-6. Pairs: G Smyth and S Halmai (Eng) bt W Moore and R Nicholl (Ire), 23-21. Triples final: C Craig, M and B Dunlop (Ire) bt D Gourlay Jnr, G Hood and D Gourlay Snr (Sco) 21-10.

EQUESTRIANISM

New fences to provide a tougher test

The Whitbread three-day event, at Badminton, which takes place from May 5 to 8, will be a more severe test than usual this year — in keeping with its role as the main selection trial for the Olympic Games (Jenny MacArthur writes).

Colonel Frank Weldon, the director of the horse trials, said yesterday that the course is "about five per cent more difficult than it would have been in 1987." Last year's event, due to have been held in early April, was cancelled because of excessive rain. This year's date is an attempt to beat the weather.

Although the 32-fence course was not used last year, it has now been redesigned. Among the new fences are the Beefeater Double, an ingeniously designed fence which offers four alternatives of varying difficulties, the Vicarage Open Ditch, a set of massive rails with a wide stream in front, and The Lake, where the least time-consuming route is a bounce over huge tree trunks straight into the water.

RUGBY LEAGUE

New worry for Wigan

By Keith Macklin

Wigan, still reeling from the shock of losing Steve Hampson with a broken arm, have suffered another serious setback to their plans for the Challenge Cup final.

Ellery Hanley, the Great Britain captain and a key player in their scheme of things, is suffering from severely bruised ribs, and is doubtful for the final against Halifax at Wembley on April 30.

The Wigan chairman, Maurice Lindsay, said yesterday: "Ellery recovers well, and may just make it, but he is in a lot of pain and cannot breathe properly." Hanley will miss the Premiership quarter-final against Warrington on Sunday, but Wigan expect him to be fit to lead the Great Britain party which leaves for the Australasian tour in mid-May.

Because certain players are still unable to prove themselves fully fit for the tour, the manager, Les Bettinson, says extra time may be granted after the original deadline date of next Sunday. Players still hopeful of reaching fitness, but still recuperating, include the Warrington wing, Des Drummond, the Leeds forwards, Lee Crooks and Paul Medley, and the Leeds centre, David Stephenson.

● Neil Clawson, the Oldham prop, has put in a written transfer request.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

European Cup
Semi-finals, second leg
(First leg score in brackets)
Benfica (Por) (0) v Steaua Bucharest (Rom) (0) (0.0) .....
PSV Eindhoven (Neth) (1) v Real Madrid (Sp) (1) (6.30) .....

Cup Winners' Cup
Semi-finals, second leg
(First leg score in brackets)
Ajax Amsterdam (Neth) (3) v Marseille (Fr) (0) (7.15) .....
Atalanta (It) (1) v Mechelen (Bel) (2) .....

UEFA Cup
Semi-finals, second leg
(First leg score in brackets)
Espanol (Sp) (0) v Club Bruges (Bel) (2) (8.0) .....
Werder Bremen (WG) (0) v Bayer Leverkusen (WG) (1) (7.0) .....

Barclays League
First division
Norwich v Liverpool (7.45) .....
Nottingham F v West Ham .....
Second division
Bradford v Reading .....

GM Vauxhall Conference
Welling v Telford .....
Weymouth v Maidstone .....

Scottish FA Cup
Semi-final, second replay
Aberdeen v Dundee Utd (at Dens Park) .....

SUNIKOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Crusaders v Newry.

COUNTY ANTRIM CENTENARY TOURNAMENT: Ballymena v Cliftonville.

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Coventry v Hull; Huddersfield v Blackpool (7.30). Second division: Bolton v Wigan; Middlesbrough v Notts County; Newcastle v Barnsley; Oldham v Darlington; Port Vale v York; Preston v Doncaster.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Brighton v Bristol Rovers (7.15); Crystal Palace v Ipswich; Oxford United v Millwall.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Wokingham v Hitchin. Second division north: Collier Row v Heybridge; Tring v Wivenhoe (7.45). Second division south: Horsham v Newbury (7.45).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Witton v Matlock.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Westgate Insurance Cup: Final, first leg: Bromsgrove v Dartford. Premier division: VS Rugby v Alvechurch. Midland division: Mile Oak v Rushden; Moor Green v Banbury. Southern division: Canterbury v Salisbury; Tonbridge v Waterlooville (7.45).

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Saltash v Minehead (7.45).

KNIGHT FLOODLIT CUP: Semi-final: Barking v Harlow.

CRICKET
First class matches
11.30 to 6.30
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Warwickshire.
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Northamptonshire.
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Leicestershire.

RUGBY UNION
CLUB MATCHES: Bridgend v Penarth (7.15); Clifton v Bath; Llanelli v Aberavon (7.0); Newbridge v Ebbw Vale (7.0); Rugby v Saracens (6.0); Stroud v Bristol (5.30).
LANCASHIRE CUP: Semi-finals: Orrell v Waterloo (7.15); West Park v Liverpool St Helens (6.15).
YORKSHIRE CUP: Semi-final: Wakefield v Middlesbrough (6.30).

UNDER-21 DIVISIONAL MATCH: London and South East v South and South West (at Aldershot, 7.0).
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Middlesex County Clubs v Portugese Barbarians (at Centaurs, 6.0).
TOURNAMENT: Wimpey Homes London floodlit seven-a-sides (at Rosslyn Park, 5.0).

OTHER SPORT
BOWLS: British Isles International series (at Hartlepool).
SNOOKER: Embassy World professional championship (at Sheffield).
SPEEDWAY: Challenge: Long Eaton v Middlesbrough. National League: Wimbledon v Peterborough.
TENNIS: Queen's Club tournament.

SPORT ON TV

MIDWEEK SPORTS SPECIAL: ITV 10.35 a.m.: Boxing: Super-featherweight contest: Barry McGuigan v Nicky Pender (Mex) and Commonwealth heavyweight championship: Nigel Benn v Abdul Umaru Sanda (Ghe) from Alexandra Palace. Football: Highlights from the European cup competitions, semi-finals, second leg.
RACING: BBC2 1.35 p.m.: 2.15, 2.50, 3.25 and 4.0 races from Cheltenham. C4 2.30 p.m.: 2.35, 3.05, 3.35 and 4.10 races from Epsom.
SNOOKER: BBC2 10.20 a.m.-1.20 p.m., 1.35-5.30 (includes racing from Cheltenham), 6-7, and 9-9.30 p.m.: Embassy World professional championship: Coverage of the first round from Sheffield (see also Sportsnight).
SPORTSNIGHT: BBC1 10.30 p.m.: Snooker: Embassy World professional championship from Sheffield: Boxing: George Wimpey ABA British Semi-finals from Blackpool. Greyhound racing: 1988 Greyhound TV Trophy: Live coverage of three heats from Birmingham. Tennis: A look back to where Open tennis started — at Bournemouth 20 years ago.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

BOSTON: International marathon: Men: 1, I Hussain (Ken), 2hr 08min 43sec; 2, J Ikangaa (Tanz), 2:08:44; 3, J Treacy (Ire), 2:09:15; 4, G Bordin (It), 2:09:27; 5, G Poli (It), 2:09:33; 6, J Campbell (NZ), 2:11:08; 7, O Pizzolato (It), 2:12:32; 8, J Mekasera (Tanz), 2:14:04; 9, S Jones (GB), 2:14:07; 10, T Taniguchi (Japan), 2:14:18. Other placings: 14, M O'Reilly (Ire), 2:15:27; 18, G Smith (GB), 2:16:24; 101, M Roberts (GB), 2:29:02. Women: 1, R Mota (Port), 2:24:36; 2, T Dibaba (Eth), 2:29:28; 3, D Lajeunesse (Can), 2:30:35; 4, P Welch (GB), 2:30:53; 5, L Bussieres (Can), 2:30:57.

BASEBALL

UNITED STATES: Major League: National League: Philadelphia Phillies 10, New York Mets 7; San Francisco Giants 6, Cincinnati Reds 5; Los Angeles Dodgers 8, San Diego Padres 0. American League: Boston Red Sox 4, Texas Rangers 3; Detroit Tigers 4, Kansas City Royals 2; New York Yankees 18, Minnesota Twins 5; Chicago White Sox 4, Seattle Mariners 0; Oakland A's 5, California Angels 4.

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Basketball Association (NBA): Cleveland Cavaliers 112, Indiana Pacers 107.

BOXING

PARIS: European middleweight championship: Christophe Tiozzo (Fr) bt Pierre Joly (Fr, holder), pts.

CRICKET

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Colne 117 for 9, Church 157 for 7; Enfield 130 for 3, Nelson 129 all out; Lower House 53 all out, Haslingden 54 for 1; Ramsbottom 185 for 9, Burnley 124 all out; Rawtenstall 170 for 8, East Lancs 171 for 7; Rishton 157 for 7, Basup 157 for 8, tie; Todmorden 183 for 5, Accrington 183 for 3.

CURLING

LAUSANNE: World championship: Men: Final: Norway 5, Canada 4. Final positions: 1, Norway; 2, Canada; 3, Scotland; 4, Switzerland; 5, Sweden; 6, West Germany.

CYCLING

RIO DE JANEIRO: Tour of Brazil: Third stage (S) unless†: 1, F Urban (Fr), 1hr 49min 31sec; 2, I Hernandez (Col), 1:48:36; 3, K Peck (US), 1:49:41

GOLF

PGA TOUR MONEYWINNERS (US unless stated): 1, A Lyle (GB), $803,821; 2, M McCumber, $395,538; 3, C Beck, $349,486; 4, B Crenshaw, $335,148; 5, J Haas, $292,852; 6, J Sindelar, $277,825; 7, S Pate, $272,113; 8, G Morgan, $265,735; 9, G Norman, $253,100; 10, D Frost, $250,393.

LPGA TOUR MONEYWINNERS (US unless stated): 1, A Alcott, $143,277; 2, C Walker, $132,498; 3, A Okamoto (Japan), $130,769; 4, N Lopez, $129,045; 5, M Figueras-Dotti (Sp), $88,413; 6, Ok-Hee Ku (S Korea), $81,185; 7, P Sheehan, $78,794; 8, J Carner, $61,287.

VOLVO EUROPEAN ORDER OF MERIT: 1, D Whelan (GB) £35,965; 2, S Balesteros (Sp), £33,330; 3, B Lane (GB), £32,764; 4, M McNulty (SA), £31,589; 5, J-M Olazabal (Sp), £30,901; 6, D Llewellyn (GB), £28,554.

ICE HOCKEY

LANDOVER (Maryland): Stanley Cup play-off series: Final game: Washington Capitals 3, New Jersey Devils 1.

RUGBY UNION

MIDDLESEX SEVENS TOURNAMENT: London inter-bank finals: Senior cup: Barclays 18, Lloyds 8. Senior plate: Bank of England 28, Midland 4. Junior cup: Bank of England 26, Allied Irish 16.
SUSSEX SEVENS: Final: Blackheath 18, Colchester 12.
CLUB MATCH: Ipswich 3, Colchester 24.

FOOTBALL

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Third division: Port Vale 1, Bristol City 1.
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Macclesfield 1, Telford 1.
FA TROPHY: Semi-final, replay: Barrow 0, Enfield 1 (at Stafford Rangers FC).
SMINNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballymena 2, Coleraine 1.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Leicester City 2, Sheffield United 3. Second division: Mansfield Town 3, Scunthorpe Rovers 2; Middlesbrough 4, Oldham Athletic 0.
SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Portsmouth 2, Brighton and Hove Albion 2; Oxford United 3, Southampton 3; Charlton Athletic 3, Chelsea 0; Reading 0, Tottenham Hotspur 0; Fulham 4, Queens Park Rangers 1.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Matlock 2, Southport 1; South Liverpool 1, Marine 0.
VAUXHALL OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Croydon 0, Windsor and Eton 0; Wokingham Town 2, Bognor Regis Town 1. Second division north: Vauxhall Motors 1, Harlow Town 0. Second division south: Ruislip Manor 1, Metropolitan Police 4.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Trowbridge 3, Moor Green 2. Southern division: Canterbury 1, Burnham 0.
SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP: Final, second leg: Queen's Park Rangers 0, Luton Town 0 (QPR win 1-0 on aggregate).
SWEDISH LEAGUE: Frolunda 0, Gothenburg 0; Oester 1, GAIS 0; Brage 2, AIK Stockholm 1; Hammarby 2, Malmo 1; Norrkoping 0, Sundsvall 1; Orgryte 1, Djurgaarden 0.
BRAZIL: Rio de Janeiro State League: Fluminense 2, Botafogo 0; America 2, Cabofrense 0; Porto Alegro 4, Goytacaz 0; Vasco da Gama 0, Americano 0; Friburguense 1, Volta Redonda 1.

ETON FIVES

ETON: Amateur championship: B Matthews and J Reynolds bt A Gibson and D Wainwright, 12-5, 2-12, 14-11, 12-6.

SQUASH RACKETS

SOUTH MILFORD: Yorkshire women's cup final: Pontefract 5, Huddersfield 0.

TENNIS

MONTE CARLO: Monte Carlo Open: Men's singles: First round: T Tulasne (Fr) bt J Pugh (US), 3-6, 6-2, 6-3; J Arrese (Sp) bt R Agenor (Haiti), 7-5, 6-1; C Bergstrom (Swe) bt T Muster (Austria), 6-4, 6-3; M Filippini (Uru) bt G Vilas (Arg), 2-6, 6-3, 6-0; C Pasquies (It) bt P Landgren (Swe), 6-3, 7-6; N Kroon (Swe) bt L Mattar (Br), 5-2, 7-6; R Osterthun (WG) bt P Cane (It), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; G Forget (Fr) bt C-U Steeb (WG), 6-3, 6-4; U Steinland (Swe) bt J Potier (Fr), 6-2, 1-6, 6-1; A Mancini (Arg) bt D Cahill (Aus), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2. Second round: L Lecomte (Fr) bt T Smid (Cz), 6-4, 7-5; M Vajda (Cz) bt B Becker (WG), 6-3, 5-7, 6-1; T Benhabiles (Fr) bt J Svensson (Swe), 1-6, 7-6, 6-3; J Nystrom (Swe) bt M Schapers (Neth), 6-3, 7-5; T Meinecke (WG) bt E Sanchez (Sp), 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.
HOUSTON: Women's tournament: First round (US unless stated): Hu Na bt K Kessans, 6-3, 6-1; G Magers bt R Fairbank (SA), 6-4, 6-2; M Paz (Arg) bt W White, 6-1, 6-2; M Gurney bt L McNeil, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; A Sanchez (Sp) bt T Phelps, 6-3, 7-5; A Frazier bt M-L Daniels, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3; B Fulco (Arg) bt P Fendick, 6-3, 6-3.
SEOUL: KAL Cup tournament: Men's singles: First round: C Bailey (GB) bt S Shaw (GB), 6-4, 6-4; J Rive (US) bt Kim Bong-soo (S Korea), 7-5, 6-4; G Layendecker (US) bt L Scott (US), 6-3, 7-6; M Anger (US) bt S Youl (Aus), 6-7, 6-3, 6-3; D Goloka (US) bt L Shiras (US), 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; A Agassi (US) bt J Levine (US), 6-1, 6-1; Song Dong-wook (S Korea) bt J Latts (US), 6-3, 2-6, 6-3, J Fitzgerald (Aus) bt B Drewett (Aus), 6-3, 6-4; J Frawley (Aus) bt P Baur (WG), 6-2, 7-6.
SINGAPORE: Women's open tournament: First round: A De Vries (Swe) bt S Parkhomenko (USSR), 6-2, 6-1; B Gerken (US) bt K Okamoto (Japan), 6-4, 6-0; L Antonopis (US) bt M Jaw (GB), 6-2, 6-1; L Meskl (USSR) bt P Moreno (HK), 6-2, 6-0; N Bykova (USSR) bt N Medvedeva (USSR), 6-4, 6-2; R White (US) bt T Catlin (GB), 2-6, 6-3, 6-2; D Balestrat (Aus) bt R Seaman (NZ), 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.
QUEEN'S CLUB (London): Hi-tec satellite tournament: Men's singles: First round: R Whichello (GB) bt S Barr (Aus), 6-3, 6-1; D Sapsford (GB) bt T Tunner (Austria),

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Robson side-steps the central question

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Bobby Robson has discarded the most appealing solution to a problem that has become critical. England's manager says that he is not even contemplating the idea of playing Bryan Robson in place of Butcher at the centre of his defence in Hungary next Wednesday afternoon.

Since Butcher must be considered almost certain to be unavailable for the European championship finals, the need to find an adequate alternative is of the utmost urgency. No combination involving the four choices included in the squad yesterday would be convincingly reliable.

Wright, the most experienced candidate, has consistently confirmed during his 18 international appearances that he lacks a sense of timing, as Robson himself has admitted. Recklessness in such a position is a serious flaw. It is equivalent to a forward who cannot shoot.

Adams, the youngest member of the quartet, has yet to complete his education in the highest class. With Butcher alongside him, he would have been dependable enough. Without him, as was discovered against West Germany and the Netherlands, it was clear how much he has to learn.

Watson, though rugged, is not so sound when tackling more subtle qualities. Pallister, though promising, has yet to gain a cap and it would be unreasonably optimistic to expect him to complete the transition from the second division to the international arena within a few weeks.

Robson must assume that in June he will be without Butcher, who has over the last six years been his foundation stone. If he is to find another equally solid figure, he has to do so in Budapest. Once he has left there, Robson can afford to experiment no longer.

Although England's manager concedes that Bryan Robson could act as "a fourth centre half" in the party for West Germany, he will not fill the defensive position in Hungary. "I wouldn't put him there by choice", he said yesterday, "because of his importance in midfield".

Yet if the back four are vulnerable, the strength that lies in front is invalidated. Bryan Robson's striking ability may not be as forceful if he was withdrawn to the rear of the formation but it would not be wasted. He would not necessarily be restricted to a destructive role.

Since England's opponents in the European championship will attack with only two forwards, he could remain a significant constructive influence.

Two additional fixtures have been arranged. An England XI (without Barnes, Beardsley and McMahon) is to perform for the benefit of Hansen at Anfield on May 16 and a full side will be on show at Aylesbury on June 4. But they will be light-hearted practices rather than genuine tests.

ENGLAND: P Shilton (Derby County), C Woods (Rangers), D Seaman (Queen's Park Rangers), G Stevens (Everton), V Anderson (Manchester United), K Samson (Arsenal), C Pearce (Nottingham Forest), A Adams (Arsenal), D Watson (Everton), M Wright (Derby County), G Pallister (Middlesbrough), B Robson (Manchester United), P Reid (Everton), G Hoddle (Monaco), S McMahon (Liverpool), G Steven (Everton), N Webb (Nottingham Forest), P Beardsley (Liverpool), J Barnes (Liverpool), G Lineker (Barcelona), M Hateley (Monaco), A Cottee (West Ham United), C Waddle (Tottenham Hotspur).

END COLUMN

Squash should prize its privacy

By David Miller
Chief Sports Correspondent

You can watch the British open squash championship this Saturday on BBC Grandstand, though it is doubtful if that news will alter many people's intended weekend schedule. Squash is not one of the world's leading spectator sports, is never going to be, and in all probability is much the better for it.

Exclusivity is one of the most important things in life, however much ILEA and other well-intentioned egalitarian bodies might disagree. Exclusivity is, in part, what helps to make mountain climbing so polo special.

It is what makes a Van Gogh worth millions. Some facilities, such as the seaside, should be available to everyone but the moment there is mass participation in any activity it unavoidably ceases become devalued.

Squash's current position is a paradox: expansion without the aid of publicity. It is, still, the world's fastest growing sport, ahead of badminton, snooker and tennis, with a global total of 15 million players using 35,000 courts.

Yet it remains largely unseen by any other than those who play it. Those who filled the Wembley Conference Centre on Monday night for the championships, sponsored by Hi-Tec, were almost entirely themselves performers, however modest. Squash is the definitive competitors' sport.

Almost impossible to communicate

Squash would like to be an Olympic sport, the same as badminton and tennis, yet it remains almost impossible visually to communicate to the non-participant.

Huge strides have been made in television coverage: the development of the glass-walled court, the spotted ball for easier focus, dark floors, scientific lighting.

Nick Hunter, the BBC's assistant head of sport and for many years himself a player, recently wrote to Bob Morris, the chief executive of the Squash Rackets Association (SRA), about the sport's televised viewer and what change might be made to facilitate improvement.

With foresight, Hunter was positive in what might seem a negative attitude when he said: "There is a danger that if you alter the rules, and change the game, then the devotees you have will go on to something else and you may in fact sow the seeds for a collapse of the game."

One of the problems for the non-participant viewer, besides a fast-moving ball in a tiny court, is the complicated scoring system: that, unlike tennis, you must be serving to score, a 60-stroke rally may merely end with a change in server and not in the score, and that such a rally may also be terminated by obstruction and a "let".

Such divisiveness would be fatal

There is a move, regrettably approved by the Scottish president of the international federation and recently tested in France, to have different regulations, with a lower "tin", for championship players.

Such divisiveness would, unless adopted uniformly throughout the sport, in the long run be death for squash. Which brand would be advocated for the Olympic Games?

Squash should prize its privacy. Lack of television coverage may limit sponsor interest, and may restrict the income level of top players, but it will protect the game. Del Harris, the English protege, is said to be able even under present restrictions to earn £100,000 a year from endorsements. That seems handsome enough.

Professional sportsmen can too glibly talk of being denied their rights. It was my privilege and pleasure, as just another anonymously sweating grease-spot long ago, to have been taught by the gracious and gentlemanly Nazrallah Khan, whose more serious legacy to the game was to have instructed Jonah Barrington.

I doubt if Naz in those days earned the income he deserved. Yet to play with him for an hour was to share the beauty of a secret garden, and I see no reason why this game should in any way be adapted for the benefit of idle television viewers, parasitic sponsors, or a handful of professionals hunting a golden egg.

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Selectors give final place to Spedding

By Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent
and David Powell

Charlie Spedding was yesterday given third place in the British men's Olympic marathon trio, a move by the British selectors which was not entirely unforseen. Spedding, who finished tenth (and sixth Briton) in the Mars London Marathon on Sunday, wrote to the selectors two months ago saying that he was unlikely to be fully fit for London following injury, but that he expected to be by Seoul in early October, as he was when he won the Olympic bronze medal in Los Angeles in 1984.

The selectors have taken him at his word, and, in doing so, rejected the considerable claim of Dave Long, who was fifth and the third Briton in London. Kevin Forster and Hugh Jones, the first two Britons (second and fourth overall) have been duly selected, according to the present policy, as have Ann Ford and Susan Tooby.

But the third women's place has been left open. And the only interpretation of that is that Priscilla Welch's decision to run the Boston Marathon on Monday rather than the Women's AAA championship in London on Sunday has, at least temporarily, rebounded on her, despite her holding the British best of 2hr 26mins 51sec which she recorded in London last year.

Another, and perhaps stronger factor for official displeasure is that, following last year's race, Welch turned down the automatic selection to the world championships in Rome last summer, in order to run for money in New York.

The selectors' thinking on Spedding — his best time at 2:08.33 is exactly three minutes faster than Long's on Sunday — will give heart to those elite athletes who feel that automatic Olympic selection for the first two in the AAA track and field championships in Birmingham in August is too strict, and does not allow for cases such as Spedding's. That policy may yet be changed.

The relatively poor run by Steve Jones, a former holder of the world best, in Boston evidently ruins any claim he might have had to a place, despite incurring the same distaste as Welch for rejecting London.

Tony Ward, spokesman for the selectors, said of Spedding: "Considering Charlie was not fully fit by a long chalk in London, the selectors thought he put up an excellent performance. They were sure that when he reaches full fitness he will be able to put up a fine display in Seoul. There was much discussion about Long, he is a fine up and coming prospect and his time will come."

Long's reaction was understandable. He has improved, if not in times then in performance, in each of his 10 marathons and is the first British man to graduate from fun-runner to the fringe of Olympic selection. "I too could not race for four months at the end of last year because of injury, so if they are taking injuries into account they should have considered that. It's because I am someone they have never heard of.

"I have just knocked three minutes off my personal best and there has to be something in the thinking that I might continue to get quicker. I have heard all about the incompetence of these people and it seems to have come to fruition for me."

Long, now aged 27, turned to running five years ago to get fit to play football. He added: "After the race on Sunday Charlie said he would keep his fingers crossed for me. I like to think of him as a mate and I hope he wins a medal in Seoul. I am keeping my fingers crossed for him."

Long continued: "Alan Storey (the national marathon coach) told me that the recommendation from the coaches was that I should be picked."

John Wheway, another of the Britons who finished ahead of Spedding, said: "I can see why the selectors have made this decision but Dave Long has my absolute sympathy — I feel for him."

Scotland door is to be kept open for Hansen

By Roddy Forsyth

When Andy Roxburgh yesterday announced his squad for Scotland's friendly match with Spain in Madrid next week, Alan Hansen was not one of the 21 players listed for the trip. But the Liverpool defender's return to the colours emerged as the major talking point when the national coach outlined his plans for the run-up to next season's World Cup qualifying games.

Said Roxburgh: "When we discussed it last year Alan felt that his knee problems were such that he couldn't cope, particularly as we knew that Scotland would have to go through a long experimental period."

"The situation now is different because his knees haven't deteriorated, thanks to the fact that he's been well taken care of at Liverpool. His club form is excellent and we are able to take a short term view. In other words we're dealing with the game against Spain and the Rous Cup matches against England and Columbia followed by the first couple of World Cup fixtures.

"So in that context and in Alan's present condition we are talking about his return to the squad. He could be very valuable in helping Gary Gilespie through the two Rous Cup games for example."

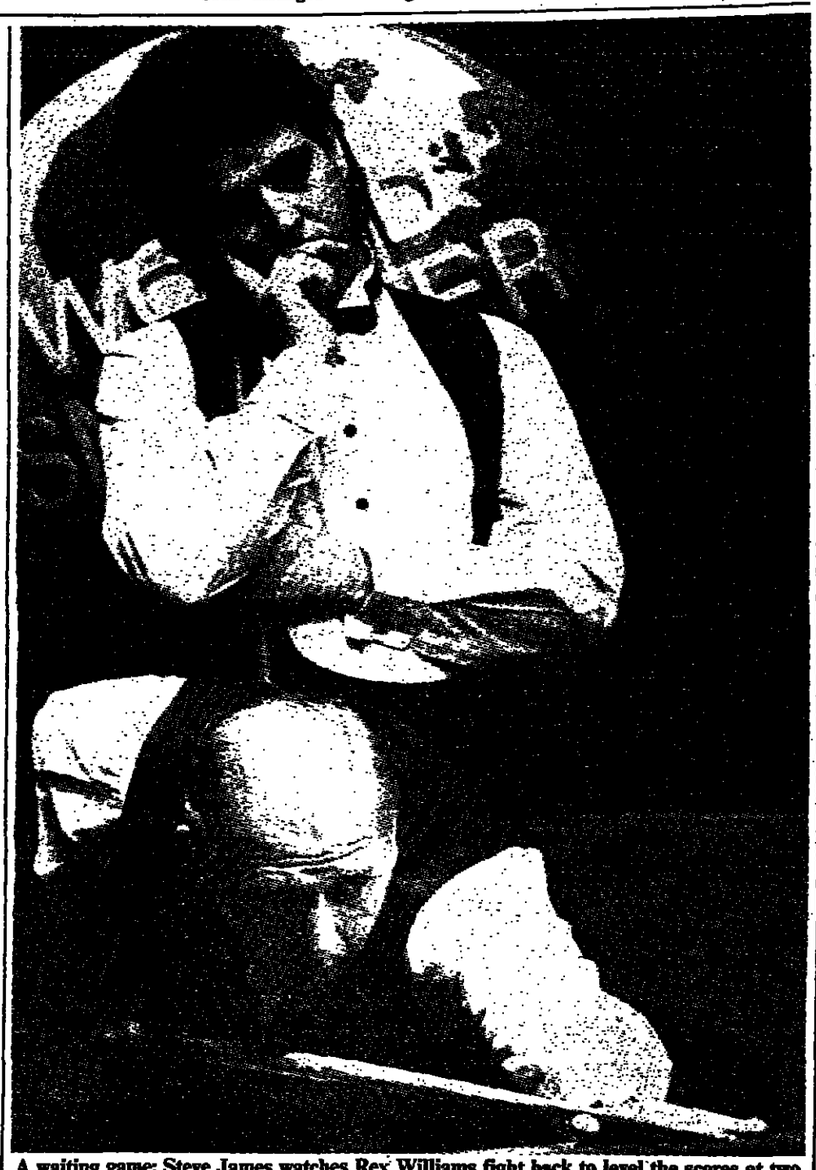
Roxburgh also acknowledged that Hansen's return could help Scotland towards more understanding in defence, especially if his Anfield colleague, Steve Nicol, is included in the equation.

Gillespie and Nicol may find themselves sharing a large burden of responsibility in Madrid if tonight's Scottish Cup semi-final second replay fails to produce a victory for either Aberdeen or Dundee United. Between them the clubs provide seven players for the squad so if their cup contest requires a third meeting next week Roxburgh would lose a third of his strength before the weekend injuries take their almost inevitable toll. The defence would be particularly badly hit with the first choice goalkeeper, Jim Leighton, and four of the seven central defenders and full backs unavailable.

If domestic considerations force the United and Aberdeen players to stay behind the blow would be felt especially by David Narey and Neil Simpson, who have not had the best of luck with injuries when they have tried previously to establish themselves at this level.

Four forwards have been given the chance to improve Scotland's recent modest scoring record. Brian McClair, the first Manchester United player to score 20 League goals since George Best, is inevitably named as is Everton's Sharp who scored for the first time in twelve appearances when Scotland drew one each in Malta last month. Maurice Johnston of Nantes and Rangers' Ally McCoist complete the attacking force for Scotland's final foreign venture before the World Cup qualifying campaign.

SCOTLAND SQUAD: Leighton (Aberdeen), Goram (Hibernian), Smith (Hearts); Gillespie (Liverpool), Gough (Rangers), McLeish (Aberdeen), Malpas (Dundee United), Miller (Aberdeen), Narey (Dundee United), Nicol (Liverpool), Aitken (Celtic), Durrant (Rangers), D Ferguson (Rangers), McInally (Dundee United), MacLeod (Borussia Dortmund), McStay (Celtic), Simpson (Aberdeen), Johnston (Nantes), McClair (Manchester United), McCoist (Rangers), Sharp (Everton).



A waiting game: Steve James watches Rex Williams fight back to level the scores at two frames each in their first round match at the Embassy World Championship in Sheffield.
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American gymnasts in S Africa

By John Goodbody

Twelve American gymnasts, six men and six women, have arrived in South Africa for matches on April 22 and 23 in Pretoria and on April 27 in Cape Town.

They face no sanctions from the Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG) because the South African Gymnastics Union is still a member of the world governing body.

There have been several attempts to expel South Africa from the 91-member FIG, as has occurred in other international governing bodies, but none has been successful.

Franklyn Edmonds, a British vice-president of the FIG, said yesterday: "Each member federation can make up its own mind on whether to compete with South Africa in gymnastics events and there is no penalty forthcoming from the FIG if a competition does take place." Ironically the list of nations of the FIG is headed by "Afrique de Sud".

South Africa does not compete in the world championships, although technically it could do so.

Hugo Olivier, the president of the South African Gymnastics Union, told *The Times* that, to be on the safe side, the American gymnasts would be competing this month as individuals and not as a team.

The group includes Cheney Humphrey and Drew Distefano, who are both likely to be competing in the Seoul Olympics.

Athletes refuse to support Budd

Leading British athletes are overwhelmingly refusing to back the cause of unhappy Zola Budd. Twenty-two of Britain's leading track and field stars have said they are not prepared to support her if it means they have to sacrifice their own Olympic dreams — against only one so far who says he would give Zola support whatever the consequences.

The groundswell of opinion against Budd has been revealed in a poll conducted by British athletes' representatives, Mike Winch and Joyce Smith.

They are to put the views expressed by the athletes — all of whom are top ranked domestic or international performers — to Sunday's crucial British Board council meeting.

The council have to decide whether to fight the International Amateur Athletic Federation demand that Budd be banned for 12 months, and thus face the possibility of British athletes being outlawed from all international competition, including the Olympics.

Last Sunday, Hugh Jones and Kevin Forster, the Olympic marathon runners, said they would rather give up their places than see Budd sacrificed but to most of the athletes whose Seoul places would be in jeopardy, there seems to be no doubt that the board cannot afford to back Budd.

"She's getting sympathy, but not support," Winch said, having canvassed the opinion of 17 leading men. "The consensus which is emerging has surprised me. There's been plenty of sympathy for her, but the majority clearly think that the board should not back her if it means everyone missing the Olympics.

Only one man was catagorically prepared to follow the Jones and Forster line, and though two others said they would consider supporting her in the event of a possible suspension fo the board.

Smith, who has talked to eight of the best women athletes, has been discovering similar attitudes. "I haven't found one yet who would give Zola support in this matter," he said.

Winch, who was well-known as an opponent of Budd's original entry into British athletics, has not changed his view about her in the subsequent four years, but he said: "I must be impartial, and my vote on Sunday will be based entirely on what I have gleaned from the athletes."

Both he and Smith have found the biggest problem to be actually getting hold of top stars like Steve Cram and Roger Black, who are training abroad.

Winch will fly out to Lanzarote on Thursday to canvas more opinion from the likes of Linford Christie and John Regis.

Williams defence

Paris (AFP) — Charles Williams, of the United States, will defend his International Boxing Federation world light-heavyweight title against Richard Caramanolis, of France, in Annecy on June 4 or 11.

Javed battles to keep Pakistan in the hunt

From Richard Streeton, Port of Spain, Trinidad

Pakistan, needing 372 for victory, continued to bat with dogged determination and were 167 for 4 by lunch yesterday on the final day of the second Cable and Wireless Test match here. West Indies dismissed Salim Malik during the morning but Javed Miandad and Imran Khan then stayed together until the interval.

Pakistan, at this point, required a further 205 to win the game and take the three-match series. The team had had a lengthy practice on Monday afternoon, the rest day, and the mood in their dressing room remained quietly optimistic.

A great deal obviously depended on Miandad and by lunch he was 41 not out, having already thwarted the pace attack for four-and-a-half hours in all. There were four hours left after the interval but with West Indies averaging only 11 or 12 overs an hour, the scoring rate would have to be increased later.

Miandad and Salim Malik, the overnight batsmen, came safely through the crucial first hour and had added 86 in 35 overs when Malik was leg-before as soon as Walsh bowled. Malik pulled his bat away from Walsh's fourth ball which cut back and he was hit on the pads offering no stroke. Malik had fought hard for 190 minutes and hit only two fours as he subdued his natural inclinations.

Little went right for West Indies in the first hour when Pakistan resumed at 107 for three Both Marshall and Ambrose lacked direction and the batsmen made no attempt to play strokes as the ball regularly passed them well away from the stumps.

Dujon, the wicketkeeper, had a miserable time as his bowlers sprayed the ball about and Marshall twice gave away boundary byes down the leg side. There were several no-balls and extras, in fact, brought 19 of the 41 runs Pakistan scored in the first hour. The only boundary credited to a batsman in this time came from overthrows. Miandad took a leg-side single when Benjamin replaced Ambrose, and Hooper missed the stumps when he shied at the bowler's end.

Marshall seemed to be trying to bowl too fast on a pitch that had lost its pace, but he was unlucky not to have Malik's wicket at 133. The batsman, who had scored 22, attempted to push the ball off his legs but, with a mistimed stroke, scooped it into the air. Haynes ran forward from mid-on, but lost the ball against the crowd and could not retain it as he tumbled forward.

Benjamin settled into a much better line than Ambrose had shown, his in-swinger helped by a stiffish breeze which blew across the ground and tempered another humid day of 90 degree heat.

The stands filled up during the morning and there were about 10,000 spectators as lunch approached. Imran promoted himself above the 19-year-old Ijaz Ahmed when Malik was out and the Pakistan captain was kept on the defensive as Walsh maintained perfect control. Richards, the only slip, had looked to the heavens in despair several times earlier as the no-balls mounted. But he could have had no complaint about Walsh's bowling.

As lunch approached both Benjamin and Walsh posted a silly mid-off when Imran had the bowling. It was tense, gritty cricket with neither side able to claim an advantage during a morning period which brought 60 runs.

WEST INDIES: First Innings 174 (Imran Khan 4 for 38, Abdul Qadir 4 for 83).
Second innings 391 (I V A Richards 123, P J L Dujon 106 not out; Imran Khan 5 for 115; Abdul Qadir 4 for 148).

PAKISTAN: First Innings 194 (Salim Malik 66; M D Marshall 4 for 55).

Second Innings

Mudassar Nazar c Dujon b Benjamin	13
Ramiz Raja c Richards b Marshall	44
Shoaib Mohammad b Benjamin	0
Javed Miandad not out	41
Salim Malik lbw b Walsh	29
*Imran Khan not out	1
Extras	39
Total (4 wkts)	167

Ijaz Ahmed, †Saleem Yousuf, Wasim Akram, Ijaz Faqih and Abdul Qadir to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-62, 3-87, 4-153.
Umpires: C E Cumberbatch and L H Barker.

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N'Kalankete bout

Paris (AFP) — The European light-welterweight title bout between French champion Tex N'Kalankete and challenger Lloyd Christie, of Britain, has been put back a second time until May 21 at Wasquehal. The bout was initially scheduled for April 8.

Man in a million

Washington (AFP) — Chi Chi Rodriguez, of Puerto Rico, became only the fourth golfer to earn a million dollars on the PGA veterans' tour when he collected a winners' cheque for $37,500 (About £20,000) in Houston at the weekend.

Becker blames defeat on off-court pressure

From Richard Evans, Monte Carlo

Boris Becker, distracted from the task in hand, found the Czechoslovak, Marian Vajda, ranked only No. 42 in the world, too much of a handful in the second round of the Volvo Monte Carlo Open and went out 6-3, 5-7, 6-1.

It could have been a lot more decisive than that because Vajda, aged 23, counter-attacking brilliantly off his powerful two-handed backhand, had led 4-1 with two breaks in the second set before momentarily falling apart when he served for the match at 5-4.

"He made my life very difficult," Becker said, after resolutely refusing to accept the clay court as the basic reason for his defeat. "Even though it was more my mind than his playing that made me lose, I still could not get in behind my backhand slice because he is very quick and hits good passing shots."

Becker offered off-court pressures as a reason for his being mentally unprepared for a typically demanding match. "Always it is difficult in Monaco because I live here and I have many commitments," Becker said.

Afterwards Becker's manager, Ion Tiriac, said that he would be requesting a reduction in his player's 1989 grand-prix commitment

As he talked, Bjorn Borg, who asked for a similar reduction six years ago before going into premature and permanent retirement, was holding a Press conference in the sponsor's village to launch his Bjorn Borg Design Group.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Lyle home for rest

Sandy Lyle, the US Masters champion, flew home yesterday for a well-earned rest after his record breaking exploits in America, but was minus the famous green jacket that goes with title. It is still in Augusta, being tailored exactly to his measurements.

After arriving at Heathrow airport with his girlfriend, Yolande Huurman, Lyle said: "I'm delighted at the way things have gone, but what I really want now is a chance to put my feet up.

£50,000 fund

The 72-hole European women's players championship, to be held at Old Thorns golf course, near Liphook, from September 22 to 25, will be sponsored by Toshiba with a prize fund of £50,000.



Platini: committee man

Captain's role

Michel Platini, the captain of the French team that won the 1984 European championship, will play a new role, as UEFA's ambassador, during this year's championship finals in West Germany.

Soviet date

The Soviet Union has confirmed that it will meet Great Britain and France in an international athletics match at Portsmouth on June 19.

Cardiff sued

Cardiff City are being sued by their police authority over an unpaid bill to cover the cost of policing football matches this season. The South Wales Police Authority has issued a writ for about £15,000 to settle an unpaid bill to man Ninian Park, which has required a heavy police presence for some games because of the club's hooligan element.

Rugby death

Michel Berlanga, the French rugby union player who suffered spinal injuries in a scrum in a district league match just over two months ago, has died.

On target

Les Wicker, of Crowborough, a former Sussex champion, was one of the first individual winners at the Australia bicentennial rifle championships at Sydney yesterday